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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 Thanksgiving, MAMA!

As is the norm, it was yet another good turnout at last month's meeting.

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

The ***"Pontiac Garage"*** was back, with some 3D goodies.

Now for something a bit overdue. A few months ago, Prez Emeritus Lyle Willits gave me an article from our very first MAMA show compiled by Dirk Johnson and I! It starts on page 7.

The raffle raised ***$85.00***, while the door added ***$181.00 (!).*** Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: ***Steve M. Buter***, ***Mike Costic, Matt G, Greg Johnson*** *(northern VA benefactor)*, ***Mark Mason, Jim Maness, Rich Meany, Mark Parkhurst, JC Reckner, Ken Shanks, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD*** *(Norman)*, and ***Ron Shirey***. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!—*Tim*

Condolences



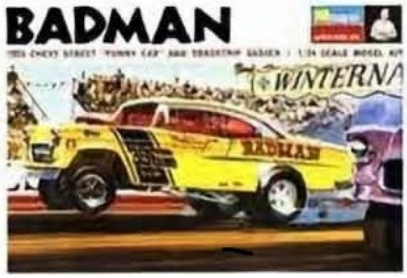


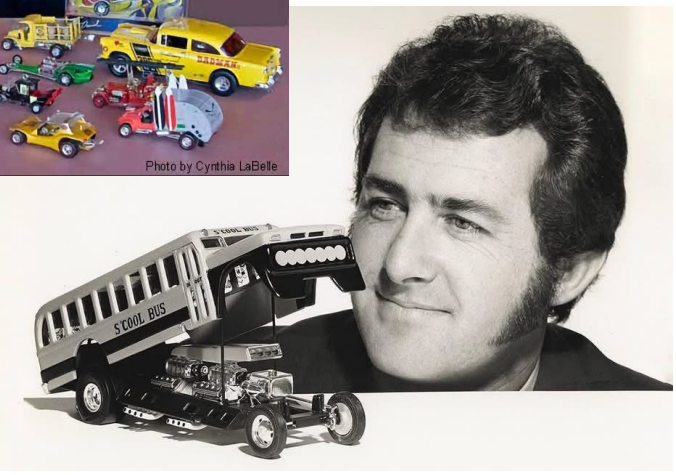
We have lost an icon \in the car hobby. ***Tom Daniels*** recently passed away!

I could find no obituary or info on this tragic occurrence.

I also just found out

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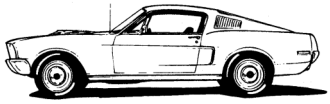






Raffle Goodies!

M.O.M.*



The October honoree for this "official unofficial" award is ***JC Reckner***.

JC is attempting to replicate the ***Skip Scott Mustang*** that ran in the '65 Daytona 2000KM.

JC started out with the full body and glass from the AMT '66 Mustang. Sprinkle in a few donor parts from AMT's '67 Mustang, including the full chassis, engine bay, engine and interior, and he is off and running.

Modifications:

- Removed side body trim
- Interior was modified from a fastback to a coupe interior—scratch built rear seat area and package tray
- Stock door cards were removed and replaced with flat racing panels and door handles
- Racing seat is a modified parts box unit
- Roll hoop was scratch built
- Front valance was filled to replicate a 1-piece fiberglass unit used on the 1:1
- Teardrop hood created by grafting on the teardrop from the Revell T-bolt kit. R&MCoMD then resin cast the hood
- Radiused wheel openings front and rear to fit larger wheels and tires
- Front wheel lips are the '67 Mustang grafted onto the fenders

Scratchbuilt Items:

- Rear wheelwell rolled lips
- Headers and dump pipes
- Expansion *(header)* tank for the cooling system
- Remote oil filter
- Master cylinder
- Axle stiffener and Panhard bar for the rear axle
- Fuel filler

Aftermarket Parts:

- Teardrop hood—R&MCoMD Part #P-189
- Ray Dot racing mirror and racing number illuminating lights—R&MCoMD Part #R-37
- Goodyear Super Stocker tires—R&MCoMD new item—part number unknown
- Intake manifold and Weber carbs – Historic Racing Miniatures Part #HRM-501
- Holman Moody 9" steel wheels—Plastic Performance Products Part #HM-9

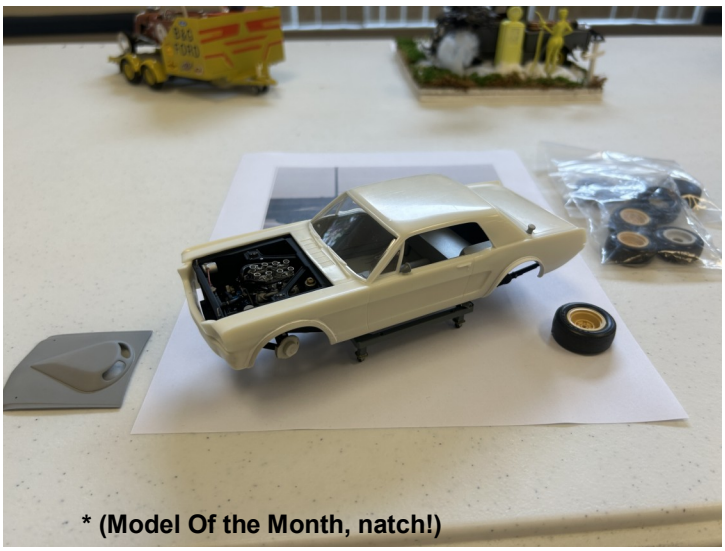


A few helpful links follow:

- European Registration: DPK7B
- History of the car *http://www.ponysite.de/pony/history.htm*
- Link to construction photos: *https://public.fotki.com/steelers43/my-model-projects/skip-scott-mustang-*
- Build Thread on the MCM Forum: *https://forum.modelcarmakers.com/topic/166609-66-shelby-mustang-group-ii/page/4/#comments*

Looks like an interesting project of a unique part of racing history. It will be interesting to see it completed JC—*Tim*





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

'GMC' is launching its sixth-gen small block V8 engines in the 2027 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra 1500s, which will be introduced with two displacements for the light-duty trucks. Though technical specifications have yet to be announced, it is known that there will be a change in the way owners check the oil level in their trucks.

The 5.7L V8 L76 and 6.6L V8 L78 engines ***won't be equipped with a good old oil dipstick***. Instead, owners will get a ***digital oil level indicator***, ***shown on either the driver instrument cluster or the infotainment system touchscreen***. As a reminder, 'GMC' vehicles already include an oil pressure gauge, and the owner's manual says that if the oil pressure warning light or Driver Information Center message indicates oil pressure outside of the normal operating range, owners should check the oil level as soon as possible.

Without a dipstick, the system will need to give further instructions to vehicle owners, while providing an approximate quantity of oil to add into the engine. As an example, the Ram 1500's twin-turbo 3.0L inline-six engine also doesn't have a dipstick, so 'GMC' isn't pioneering anything here. Ram owners can check the oil level by digging in the instrument cluster menus, where they will find an oil level gauge showing a minimum and maximum range, and as long as the oil level is within that range, the vehicle should be safe to operate. If the oil level is outside of that threshold, a red warning bar will illuminate, and the owner's manual suggests adding one quart of oil when the gauge is at the minimum level.

For the record, the 6.7L V8 LS6 engine found in the 2027 C8, also part of 'GMC's' Gen 6 small block V8 engine family, is equipped with an oil level dipstick.

As for the other Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra engines, namely the TurboMax turbocharged 2.7L I4 L4B and the Duramax turbo-diesel 3.0L I6 LZ0, they should continue to feature a traditional oil level dipstick.

In the Silverado and Sierra 1500s, the L76 and L78 engines will replace the 5.3L V8 L84 and the 6.2L V8 L87. Output for these new motors is still unknown at this time, but 'GMC' said the L78 would be the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 in the light-duty pickup truck segment, which means at least 470 horsepower.

Production of the 2027 Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra 1500s will once again take place at the 'GMC' Fort Wayne plant in Indiana and the 'GMC' Silao plant in Mexico. However, and though the automaker hasn't yet officially confirmed it, the Silverado 1500 will no longer be produced at the 'GMC' Oshawa plant in Canada, as the facility will be manufacturing Silverado HD and, eventually, Sierra HD trucks exclusively.

In other news, 'GMC' is gearing up to activate a ***new digital key function*** across select Cadillac, Chevy, and GMC vehicles, providing a quick and easy way to access and drive your vehicle ***without using a physical key fob***.

The rollout will take place in stages, with the first group of supported vehicles is slated for activation between September and October. Additional models will follow in December.

The new feature will allow users to simply walk up to their vehicle, climb onboard, and get underway. The feature will also automatically lock and unlock the vehicle, as well as provide remote climate control and trunk operation. What's more, 'GMC' says that users can share their digital key with up to seven other devices using AirDrop, Messages,



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

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T 'n T

More MAMA Kudos! It seems as though ***Leonard Harrod*** has the ***straight-line theme*** nailed! His Camaro made trophy-winning appearances at the ***Super September Showdown*** *(Best Comp Drag)*, and ***First place Comp Drag*** at a show in NC, SC and VA, while his "Partner in Plastic'" ***Kelvin Brown,*** snagged ***Best Street Machine/Pro Street AND Best of Show*** at the ***Super September Showdown***, as well as ***Model Cars Editor's Choice*** at the recently held ***ACME Southern Nats*** with his green Ferrari, and a ***Top 10 award*** for his Street Rod. Kudos, guys…***When you gotta go on the go!*** Chinese carmaker Seres has been granted a patent for what it calls an ***"in-vehicle toilet"*** that slides under a passenger's seat for visits to the "loo" while on the road. The feature is meant to "satisfy users' toilet needs on long journeys, while camping or while staying in the car," engineers wrote in Seres' patent filing in China earlier this year. Seres, based in the south-west city of Chongqing, has not announced any cars that have toilets and it is uncertain if any will be made.



Chinese electric vehicles have become increasingly packed with unconventional features, like ***built-in massage seats***, ***karaoke systems and a fridge***, to stand out in a highly competitive market. The patent filing shows Seres' plans for an onboard toilet that slides out from the bottom of a passenger's seat with a push or through voice-activated commands. The loo will come with a fan and exhaust pipe to channel odors out of the car, according to the filing on China's intellectual property administration seen by the BBC. Waste is collected in a tank that has to be emptied manually. The toilet also features a rotating heating element that evaporates urine and dries other waste. When not in use, the toilet is concealed beneath the seat, making full use of the space inside a car without requiring more room. Seres' in-car toilet concept, included in its patent filing *(A filing on the China*

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First Time For MAMA's Boys

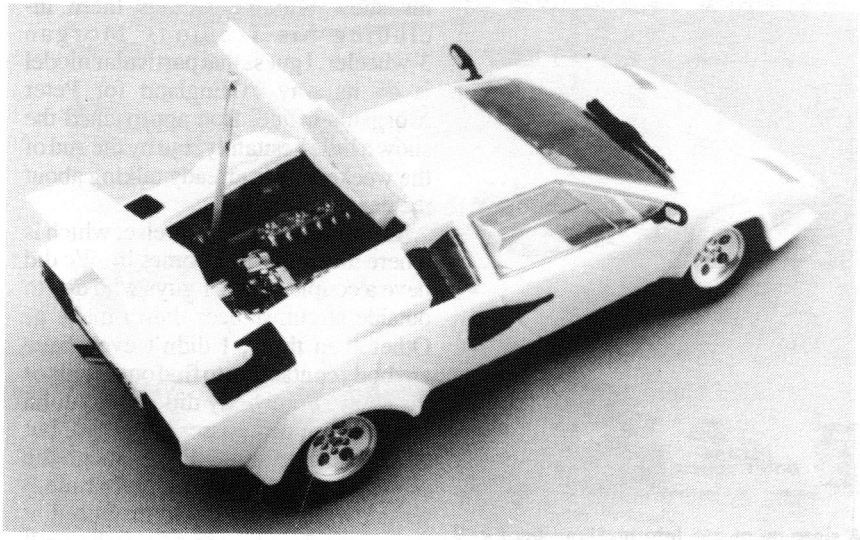
story by **Tim Sickle** *photos by* **Dirk Johnson**

Somewhere around dawn on April 6, 1991 a dedicated group of sleepy-eyed volunteers had begun work. Their mission? (which they gladly accepted!): to bring the First Annual NNL-Style Model Car Show & Swap Meet hosted by The Maryland Automotive Modelers' Association (aka MAMA's boys!) to a successful conclusion.

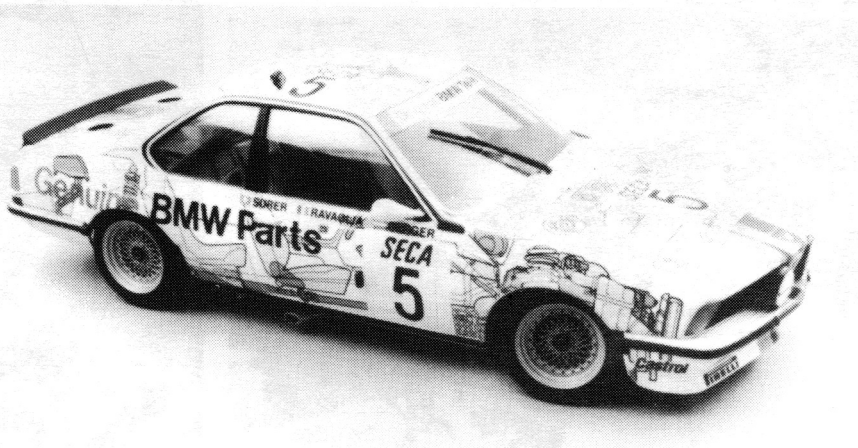
This inaugural event took place at the Orchard Beach Volunteer Fire Department in Glen Burnie, MD. Vendors began trickling in and setting up around 7am, with the crowd as yet about an hour behind. Vendors reported steady sales throughout the entire day, leaving them very happy by day's end with some wishing they had brought more to sell.

The doors were thrown open to the entrants and general public at 8am and registration began. 'Goodie bags'', filled with catalogs and flyers were distributed to the first 100 entrants. Food was served throughout the day at the hall and many volunteers were seen wolfing down donuts and coffee with one hand while simultaneously registering eager participants with their free hand!

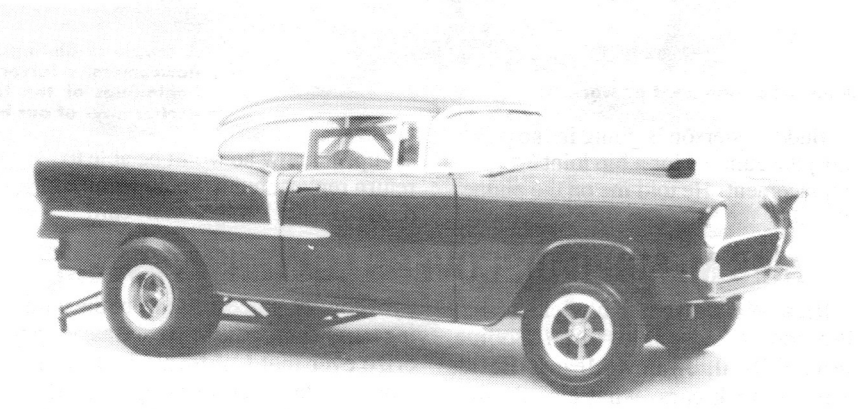
244 model cars vied for only four awards: *Modeler's Choice-Junior, Modelers Choice-Adult, Best Drag Racing Vehicle-Junior* and *Best Drag Racing Vehicle-Adult*. The big difference here was in the selection of the winners–it was by popular vote by the attendees rather than being a judged contest. The Modelers' Choice winner in the Junior category was Chris Charon for his replica stock '64 GTO. Chris managed a clean sweep as his '70 Challenger was chosen best Junior Drag Racing Vehicle. Meanwhile, the Adult Modelers' Choice award went to a deserving entrant, Harold Bradford, for his superdetailed 1/12 scale Renault RE23 Forumla I racer. Harold's patience was put to the test as he drilled and installed approximately 1000 rivets ('cause he had nothing better to do, I suppose!). The Adult Drag Racing Vehicle award was a hotly contested affair, ultimately being awarded to Dave Lewis' 'Soffseal' '57 Chevy by a mere



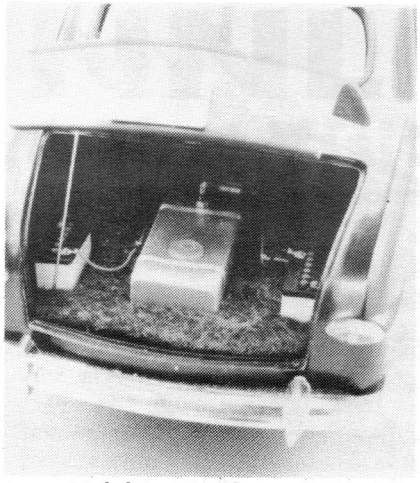
Bill Hailey, Jr., Baltimore, MD. Bill's well-done Lamborghini snatched its share of glances.



Tim Powers, Pasadena, MD. Tim's attention to detail was in evidence with regard to the successfull application of the extensive decal set on this 'X-ray' BMW.

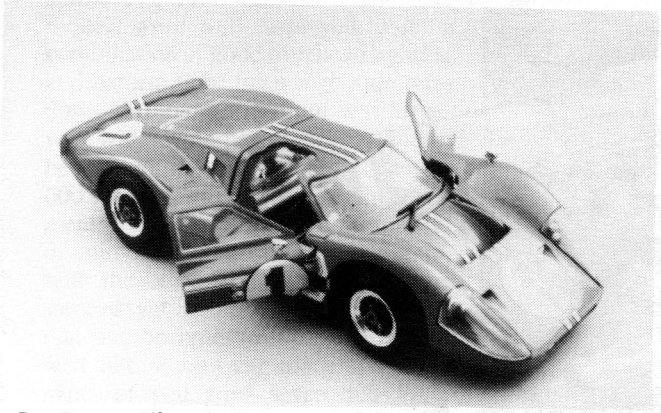


Steve Mesner, Hagerstown, MD. Steve's '55 Chevy looks poised to blast down the ¼mile on a mid-ten second pass!

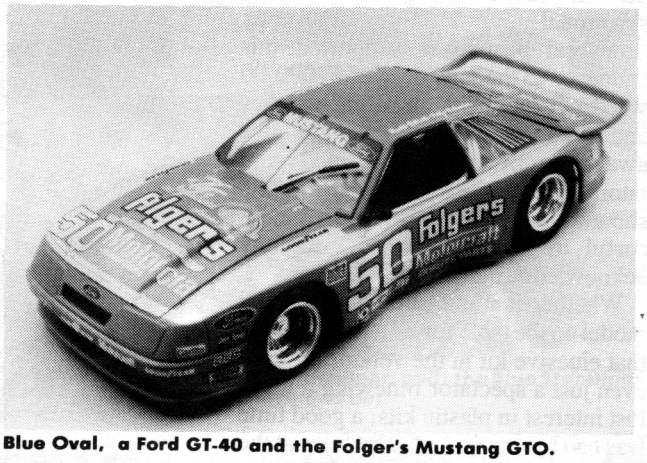


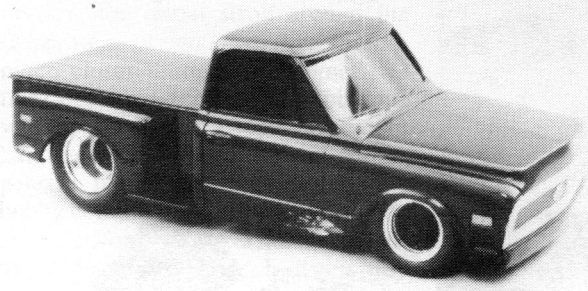
Dave Roehrle, Westminster, MD. Dave silenced many critics who felt he couldn't build something that wasn't rusty with this smooth, flathead powered '49 Ford.



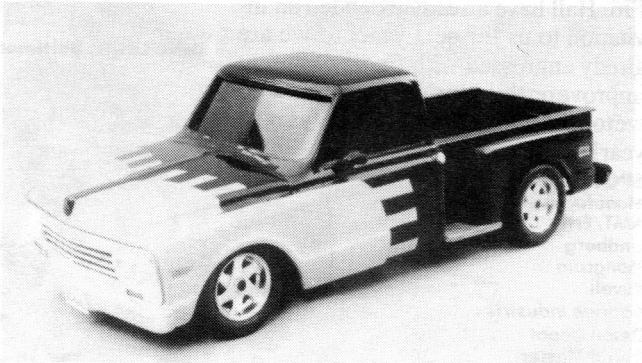


Rex Turner, Silver Spring, MD. Paying attention to details and careful assembly by Rex resulted in this 'dynamic duo' for the Blue Oval, a Ford GT-40 and the Folger's Mustang GTO.





Dave Lewis, Baltimore, MD. Dave's GMC Curbside is 'just right'.



Lyle Willits, Elkridge, MD. Lyle's GMC Curbside is what you might call a 'variation on a theme' (including billet wheels).



Tom Wendt, Baltimore MD. Would you believe...a '67 GTO station wagon? Well, seeing is believing! It even includes the requiste Pro Street goodies.

1 vote over Jerry Flynn's 'Sentry' Olds Funny Car. Talk about a horse race!

While all this was happening inside, outside, the sun had broken through some early morning clouds and the temperture hovered right aroung 80°. To complement this excellent weather, the nice folks at Dave's Electronics in Glen Burnie, MD brought their 'boom box on wheels', the 'Orion' van. Some of this wild van's features include: a Sony Remote car radio, a total of 13 Orion power amps, 14 Orion soft dome tweeters, 14 Orion mid-ranges, 8 Orion mid-basses, 16 Orion woffers, 1 car phone, 2 color TV's, 1 stereo VCR and 8 batteries (1 for the van and 7 for the stereo!). Suffice it to say that when he was asked to 'crank it up!', he quite literally 'rocked the house'. Quite a showman!

Several businesses supported this endeavor to the tune of over $1000.00 worth of model kits, detailing supplies and gift certificates which were give away to happy show entrants and spectators alike. Without their help, the show wouldn't have been nearly as succesful as it was, so we gratefully acknowledge their donations.

Whether it was placing that special model on the table for all to see, finding that elucsive kit in the vendor area, or even just a spectator renewing a long-lost interest in plastic kits, a good time was had by one and all. The folks at the Fire Hall have already extended an invitation to us for next year, so we are alredy engrossed with finding ways to improve on this year's success (How do we top the 'Orion' van?!?). See 'ya next year!

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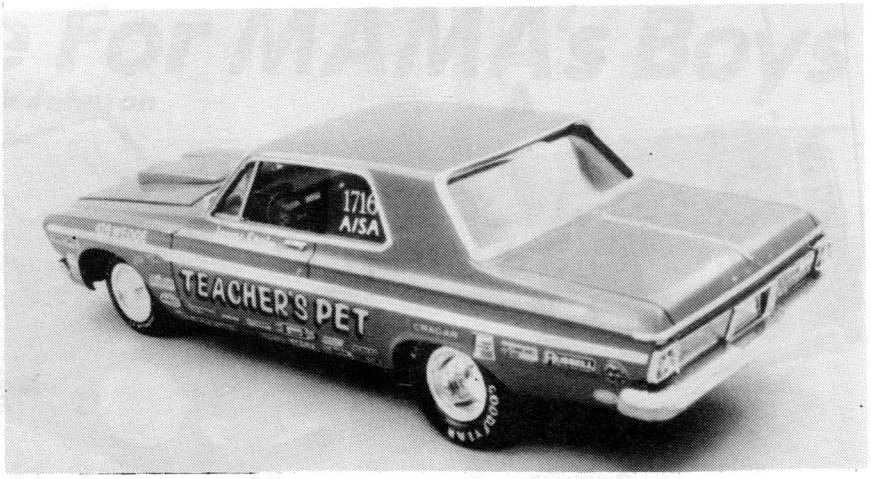
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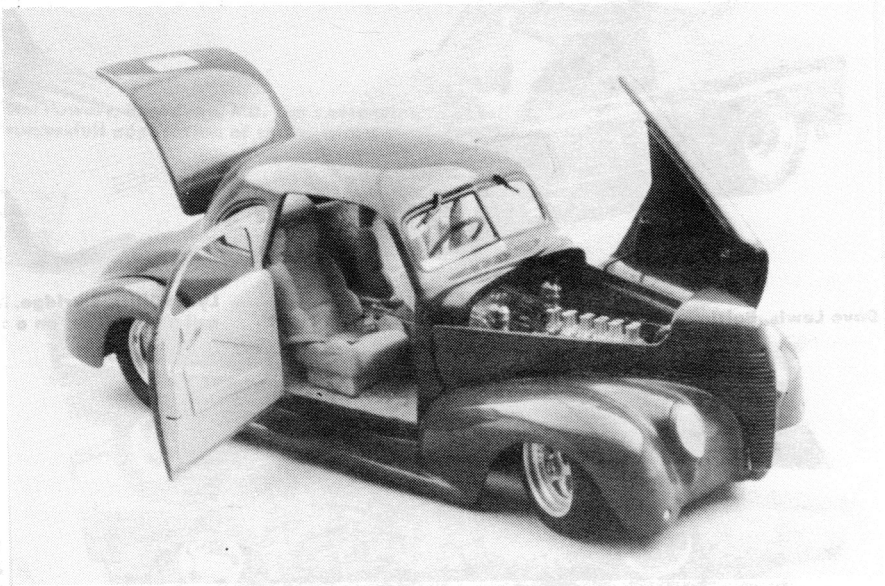
A special vote of thanks also goes out to all the MAMA members who selflessly gave of themselves and their time to make this show as succesful as it was. Take a moment to pat yourselves on the back and then we have to get back to work on next year's show!



Steve Dreibelbis, Kutztown, PA. Steve's replica of Jerry Stein's 'Teacher's Pet' '63 Plymouth Super Stocker had many people shaking their heads.



Dave Lewis, Baltimore, MD. Here's Dave's nicely detailed 'Plain Jane' T-Bolt.



Kelvin Brown, Washington, DC. Here we have a '39 Chebby fat fender, dropped, tubbed and filled full of Ferrari V12. And to top it off, it's purple.

Gov't (cont'd)

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WhatsApp, and other applications. The feature is secured using encrypted, proximity-based authentication and is built to the Car Connectivity Consortium standard. To use the feature, download and sign into your vehicle's mobile app, then follow the prompts while inside an OnStar-connected vehicle with the key fob nearby.

The rollout covers a mix of electric and combustion-powered vehicles spanning several model years. Cadillac is first on the docket, with the Cadillac Vistiq, Optiq, and Lyriq scheduled to be the first models to activate the new digital key function. The 2027 Escalade, Escalade IQ, and Escalade IQL are slated to follow in December.

Several Chevy and GMC models will also get the upgrade in December, including the Chevy Suburban, Tahoe, and GMC Yukon/Yukon XL.

The list of compatible devices includes a range of Apple, Google, and Samsung products: Apple—iPhone 11 or newer, Apple Watch Series 6 or newer, and Apple Watch Ultra (first generation or newer), Google—Pixel 6 Pro, Pixel 7 Pro, Pixel Fold, Pixel 8 Pro, Pixel 9 Pro, Pixel 9 Pro XL, Pixel 9 Pro Fold, Pixel 10 Pro, Pixel 10 Pro XL, Pixel 10 Pro Fold, and Samsung—Galaxy S21+ 5G or newer, and Galaxy Note20 or newer models, and Galaxy Z Fold and Z TriFold models.

"The digital key experience will continue to evolve beyond simply unlocking and starting a vehicle," 'GMC' states. "By leveraging ultra-wideband technology, 'GMC' is laying the groundwork for more deeply integrated and personalized experiences like automatically adjusting vehicle settings as drivers approach and other intelligent features that make ownership more convenient."

Is it just me, or does it seem as though the folks at 'GMC' are taking more and more things away from consumers, while charging higher prices for the lack of physical things like oil dipsticks and car keys or fobs?! Maybe the lack of a

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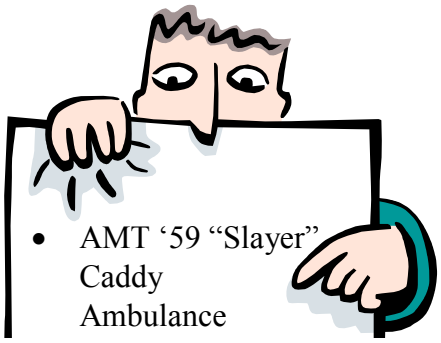


It should be pointed out that MAMA member Ken Shanks carried the Moebius theme banner with *FOUR* entries!





Ron's Rant

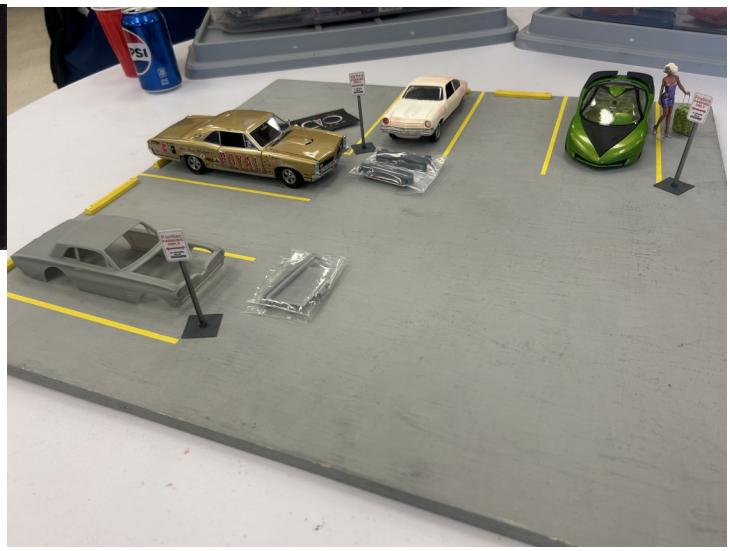


- AMT '59 "Slayer" Caddy Ambulance
- AMT '72 Chevy C10 shortbed pickup
- AMT '86 "Home Alone" Dodge van
- AMT '96 Dodge Grand Caravan *(snap)*
- AMT All American Race team Ford LN 8000 & '65 Mustang mod stocker
- ♦ Atlantis Glow in the Dark Rat Fink
- ♦ Atlantis T'rantula dragster show rod *(1/24th)*
- SalvinosJR '74 D. Earnhardt Charger
- SalvinosJR '25 K. Larson Camaro *(1/24th)*
- Tamiya "Castrol Tom's" Supra GT
- WMCC Benji Hicks Racing dirt LM
- WMCC Jensen Ford Racing dirt LM

(1/25th, unless noted)

Hot Wheels Mattel™

Don Keefe's PONCHO PERFECTION



Between the "Reserved" and "Satellite" Parking *(front tables!)*, we had a few Pontiacs on display.

The "Reserved Parking" showcased:

- ***Steve M. Buter's*** green '88 Banshee *(packed, and ready to travel!)*

I brought along the diecast ***Tiger Gold ROYAL GTO*** of Milt Schornack, ***'61 Tempest Gasser*** *(courtesy of Matt Guilfoyle—thanks!)*, and '76 Vega that will be transformed into a ***Pontiac Astre***, thanks to ***Canuck 3D's transkit***.

The "Satellite Parking" showcased:

- ***Mark Wheeler's*** Pro Touring style white '65 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 all. Thanks!!—*Tim*









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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

Nov. Theme

This month's theme is ***Tom Daniels kits***. Bring whatever your fertile imaginations can conceive of *(you may not need to work too hard—many kits available!)* or build. 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*

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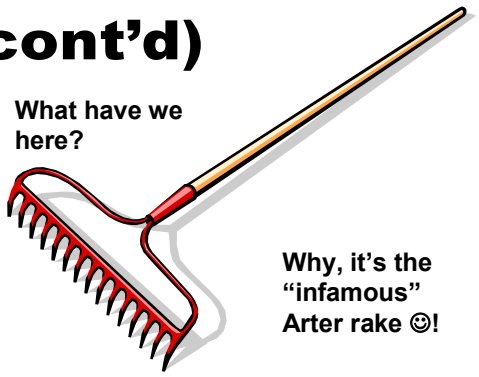
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that we have lost another modeler known to many MAMA members—***Tom Gunshannon***, from nearby PA. Again, no further details are available.

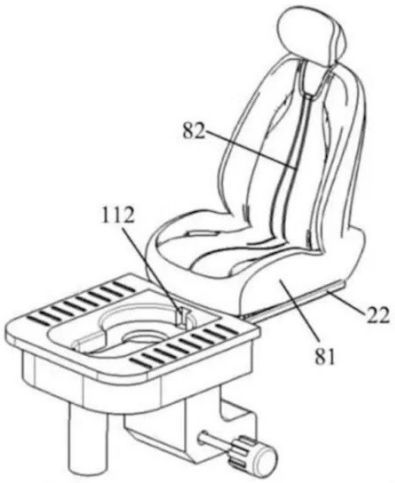
RIP and Godspeed—*Tim*



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National Intellectual Property Administration). In-vehicle toilets are rare—mostly found in long-distance coaches—but are not unheard of in cars. In the 1950s, a special version of a Rolls-Royce Silver Wraith included a built-in toilet beneath the passenger seat, according to auction house Sotheby's. ***I guess when you gotta go, you gotta go!*** *(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!)*—*Tim*





Gov't (cont'd)

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physical dipstick is directly related to the whole ***6.2 liter engine recall debacle***, which I believe has ballooned from the ***original 600,000 trucks*** to somewhere around a ***million*** now, thanks to NHTSA—*Assorted sources*

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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