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2017 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month from **11 am to 2 pm** (unless noted otherwise). Do **NOT** assume meeting dates—confirm them with a club officer!

- ☞ January 21st
- ☞ February 18th
- ☞ March 18th
- ☞ April 15th
- ☞ May **NONE (!)**
- ☞ June 17th
- ☞ July 15th
- ☞ August 19th
- ☞ September 16th

Big Go East Is HERE!

Last month's meeting included a discussion of **NNL themes** for our **2018 show**, which will be voted on in order to announce them well in advance.

This month, **Rich Wilson** takes a peek at the **Aoshima Pagan** Huyra. **Thanks, Rich.**

The **Pontiac Parade** was in attendance (as usual!).

The raffle raised **\$109.50**, while the door kicked in **\$107.00**. **Made the rent yet again—thanks, guys!**

Thanks to the raffle donors: **Brad, Ed Brown, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic,**

Gary Frazee, Ron Hamilton, Rich Meany, George Openhym, JC Reckner, Steve Scott, Rex Turner, Lyle Willits, Carl, Bradley's Car Collectibles, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD and yours truly. Thanks guys—we appreciate it! 🍷

Condolences

It is my sad duty to report that **Jeanette Griffin, Ron Bradley's mom**, passed away in early March, at the age of 89.

She lived in York, PA, and attended the CPMCC meetings on a regular basis when Ron was there every month.

She was in very good health up until just recently, when she had a heart attack, and suffered with several strokes. Her wishes were for no extraordinary life-

sustaining measures and no life support, with full family support of Ron, his sister, and numerous other family members.

Ron, his sister, and numerous family members were with her at the end.

Sadly, I'm not done yet! We also lost **MAMA's Boy Darryl Peters** in early March to esophageal cancer.

He is survived by his wife Beverly and their children Stacey Ruch, Chris Mangin, Wendt

Sutherland, and Andy Humphrey, 9 grandchildren, his brothers Douglas and Dave Peters, and his nieces and nephews.

An accomplished builder, Darryl was also known for his small resin business, **Scale Auto Details**.

Our condolences to both families on the loss of their loved ones.

Godspeed to both of you, Jeanette and Darryl—you will both be missed.

Thanks to **Norman Veber** for providing the sad news in both cases.



Aoshima Pagani Huayra

As I understand it, it is pronounced “H-why-ra.” Yea, it’s a strange name as names go, but then so is everything surrounding it. Horacio Pagani is an Argentinian that has set up shop in Italy. The cars’ name comes from a Quechua (*catch-u-a*) name Huayra-tata that means “Wind God.” Most of us aren’t that impressed by “*super cars*” any more, and then this car comes along, regarded as a “*Hyper car.*” Richard Hammond of what I call “the Three Stooges of Top Gear” gave it a positive review comparing it to the Ariel Atom. Yea, that’s helpful for sales. Actually, this car first hit the scene in 2011 and all 100 cars were sold out by 2015. It has taken Ron (*the plastic pusher*) a year to get these kits, so if you want one, you better jump on it. I read a while back that Mr. Pagani makes the anal-retentive people look ‘blasé.’ Most manufacturers would use bolts that were tested stronger than needed, but Pagani goes one step further and has every screw and bolt stamped with his Pagani symbol on the heads. Any part or assembly that exceeded the needs was made even more so if only to cost more money. He proved it with the price of 850,000 Euros or **\$800,104!!!** Thank God they are sold out; I just saved a **bloody fortune!!**

The 6-liter V-12 engine comes from Mercedes AMG with twin turbos. It develops 720 horsepower and 811 pound-feet of torque to push the car to a top speed of

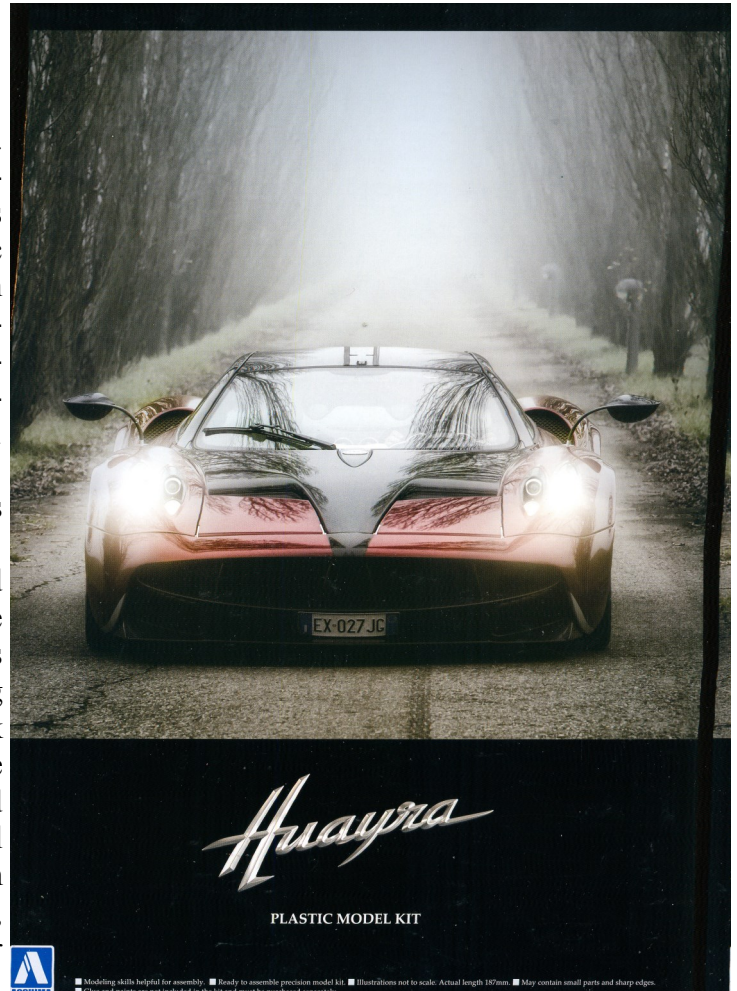
“just” 238 mph. Not exactly a grocery getter! It uses a single disc clutch and a seven-speed transmission and can produce 1.66g of lateral acceleration. Carbon/ceramic Brembo brakes bring it to a stop.

I was attracted by the size of the box at first. It’s as full as the Ming Ford F-350 pickup kit of a while back. I counted 276 parts in total with 40 satin chrome, 24 white, 59 grey, 27 clear and 79 black.

There are two bodies, one in white and the other clear. And the clear is so “clear” most who open the box can’t find it; including Ron and myself!

Engine/trans: There are a staggering 34 pieces here including the transmission and exhaust system. This isn’t a rudimentary box with a little detail on top. Contrary to what you might think, there is loads of detail with lots of paint call outs. The half-shafts seem to be the solid type used in Formula One that have no universal joints.

Chassis: Surprisingly, it’s not all carbon fiber. From the seat backs to the rear is a tube chassis



sub-frame. All four wheels have A-arms with spring shocks and large, very detailed disc brakes. It has working steering, but I have found in the past that it is very limited because of the wide tires. Hopefully, it’s better here. The wheels are mounted by means of poly caps; something I wish American kit makers would adopt.

Interior: Obviously it’s part of the front chassis tub. I’d recommend using carbon fiber decals, not included, here to enhance the detail and looks. It will be a great deal of work, but well worth it in the end. The seats are three-piece;

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Pagani (con't'd)

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I don't know what the third piece is. I wish Aoshima would give a text parts list so we would know what most of these parts are. The dash is a 17 piece assembly by itself, including the steering wheel and paddle shifters. It seems to have a traditional shifter and hand brake. There are two parts that look like old fashioned factory workers lunch boxes. Hey, I may never know what the *Hell* they are.

Body/glass: The body is a multitude of pieces, but don't let that scare you. I have found in other similar kits that they go together very well, but just take your time. Some of the body pieces are removable for display. The roof gets an interior overhead

piece. All the glass is super clear.

The taillights are clear pieces that will need clear red paint, but oddly enough, the third brake light is clear red plastic.

There are loads of small parts that have paint call outs, but give no clue as to what they are. If you follow along in assembly order you won't have any problems. just don't forget a piece or it may be very hard to get it to where it belongs later. I take a highlighter pen and mark the piece, on the instructions, as it is installed then look for part numbers that aren't marked. The front end, interior tub and rear end are separate sub-assemblies that come together near the end, on the belly pan. From what I can tell, you can paint the body what ever color you want and put the front and rear body panels on or swap them

for their clear counterparts.

There aren't any traditional hinges involved.

Decals/

mask: The decal sheet is very small, just license plates and



detail scripts. And there is a full sheet of peel and stick window masks.

Apparently there is a detail kit available from Aoshima with photoetch pieces at least. At a price equal to the basic kit, it better have more than that. Ask Ron if you are interested. It should be an interesting kit to build and there won't be very many like it on the display tables!

by: Rich Wilson 🇺🇸



It should be noted here that with ongoing constraints on my time due to work and personal issues, I am unable to devote sufficient time as in the past to fine tune our monthly newsletters. Consequently, whatever appears herein is fully provided by the noted reviewer without undue attention from the editor (*beyond simple formatting*). This is, as I have said *MANY* times *YOUR* newsletter—I am simply the messenger. We all do what we are able to do in support of it. Thank you for your submission!

'Gov-a-mint Motors!'

It's a done deal: in early March, after weeks (*or possibly even longer*) of negotiations, 'GMC' officially announced that it ***sold*** its ***Opel-Vauxhall subsidiary*** as well as '***GMC***' ***Financial's European operations*** to French automaker PSA Group for **\$2.33 BILLION dollars**. What is interesting to note is that 'GMC' chairman and CEO Mary Barra said this sale ***MAY*** not be their last!

So, now Buicks will come from ***France*** and ***China***, and ***NOT Germany?!***

The '17 ***Silverado*** is currently the ***oldest full-size pickup truck on the market***. Chevy and GMC are readying the next-gen pickup for the '19 model year, but in the meantime, the Silverado makes do.

However, despite a solid performance, its credentials weren't enough to place it ahead of its domestic rivals in the latest work truck comparison test by PickupTrucks.com.

Judges found the chassis and auto-locking, limited-slip differential as high spots in the '17 Silverado 2500 WT and amenities such as Apple CarPlay, OnStar 4G LTE Wi-Fi, towing mirrors and more were appreciated. But, other spots were a letdown.

Specifically, during a loaded braking test where the Silverado WT was hauling 3,300 pounds, the weight actually ***began to bend the truck bed*** and ***signs of stress were also seen in the cab***. Judges noted this did not happen with the other contenders—a Ram 2500 Tradesman, Ford F-250 Super Duty XL and Nissan Titan XD S.

Meanwhile, the test's ***first place finisher***, the ***F-250 Super Duty***, was lauded as a ***jack-of-all-trades work truck***. It boasted the best fuel economy, capability and livability when off the work site. We doubt a die-hard Chevy guy or gal will seriously switch their beliefs and turn to Ford, but the test does show a serious need for Chevy to update its workhorse.

While crossovers, SUVs and pickup trucks continue to move like a firesale, sedans and sports cars are feeling the cold shoulder in today's auto market. Specifically, ***six out of ten vehicles*** with the highest days' supply inventory were 'GMC' vehicles.

And, not shockingly, they're cars, not crossovers. A chart from the ***Associated Press***, reported by ***Corvette Blogger***, shows America's sportscar at ***number four*** on the list with a ***267 days' supply*** of Corvettes across the US. days' supply is calculated by the number of days



inventory would meet consumer demand at the current sales rate.

As for the '17 Camaro, it's right behind the Corvette, with a ***237 day supply*** at hand across the country.

Worse news surrounds ***Buick***. The all-new recently introduced '17 LaCrosse tops the list with a ***whopping 330 day supply, or almost a year!***

Rounding out the list are the Buick Cascada convertible (298 day supply), Buick Verano (234 day supply) and the Buick Regal (222 day supply). Previous reports peg 'GMC' to have a 105-day supply of vehicles on average; a ***60-day supply*** is deemed healthy in the industry.

Granted, cold and inclement weather don't help move vehicles, after the Northeast was pounded with a winter storm, but the numbers are still shocking. As the North and Midwest states begin to thaw out into spring, sales may

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
140 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
36,045,084

'Gov't' (cont'd)

begin to rebound.

So, if you are **REALLY** hard up for a car, it could be an opportunity to score discounts on these slow-moving Buick and Chevy models.

Cadillac continues to cocoon itself before it hopes to blossom into something beautiful in the next few years. Starting in '18, the brand will launch a new vehicle every six months in a rapid fire of new product.

However, in the meantime, the brand is making do, and in Europe, it's pretty quiet on the old continent. How quiet? **Lamborghini outsold the luxury brand** last year by nearly 200 cars.

AutoGuide reports Cadillac moved **761** cars across Europe in '16. The Italian supercar brand, in contrast, sold **941** cars across the continent. That means, if you're the kind of shopper looking to own something truly unique, you have a better chance of running into another Lamborghini than a Cadillac on European roads.

Of course, these two brands hardly play to the same segment. Cadillac drastically lags behind its rivals in Europe, but it's planning its invasion of the old world carefully. 2020 has been pegged as a date when Cadillac will likely begin to take the market by storm with a fleshed out portfolio of crossovers and diesel powertrains. At the same time, Australia may be eyed up for a launch, too (*Ed. Note: So, THAT'S where all those Chinese-built Caddys are going!*).

On the heels of this news comes a lackluster performance

by Cadillac against its competitors.

Leasing is a great way to put yourself behind the wheel of some pretty extravagant cars without a lot of out of pocket dollars. A few thousand dollars later and an affordable payment a month grants you access to premium badges and sporting intentions.

Motor Trend recently rounded up nine contenders in the highly-contested, compact luxury sedan segment to see which serves your \$399 per month payment the best. Each one of the vehicles in play is offering an identical \$399 per month lease deal, meaning value was a big factor here, especially since most lessees buy their vehicles out at the end of the term.

The '**17 Cadillac ATS** was one of nine to compete for the crown, but it finished mid pack. **Fifth place** was the best the ATS could muster after being dinged for a cramped rear seat, ho-hum interior design and lesser value compared to other vehicles. However, the ATS continued to be lauded for its incredible chassis and sporting character. Finding the balance between "sport" and "luxury" continued to escape Cadillac, though.

If there's some good news for Cadillac, it **DID** outdo four vehicles: the **Jaguar XE**, **BMW 3 Series**,



Volvo S60 and **Infiniti Q50**. But, you'll notice names like Audi, Mercedes-Benz and Alfa Romeo are not under Cadillac. Here, in ascending order, is the bad news: **8th—Volvo S60 T6**, **7th—BMW 330i**, **6th—Jaguar XE 25T**, **5th—Cadillac ATS 2.0T**, **4th—Lexus IS 200T F Sport**, **3rd—Mercedes-Benz C300**, **2nd—Audi A4 2.0T Quattro**, **1st—Alfa Romeo Giulia**. Beaten by a **FIAT!?!?**

Oh, and from what I heard, people are walking away from Cadillac leases due to the fact that they can't afford to buy them! Kinda the whole idea behind leasing—'rent' a car you couldn't otherwise afford to buy, right?!?

And that's it for this month's 'GMC' insanity. 🚗



This 'n That

Donkin' Limo?!? "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything." Sage advice, maybe, but sometimes, impossible to follow. Like this **'94 Fleetwood limo**, from eBay which sold for **\$17,100** (Ed. Note: about \$16,000 too much—LOL!). How does one keep quiet in the face of such blatant disregard for the virtues of tact, restraint, and common decency? I can't get behind the idea of a donked out Caddy limo (*donked out ANYTHING, for that matter!*). The seller claims to have **\$150,000+ (!)** in it, which was showcased at "opening games for the University of Miami," per the listing. It also appears in a music video. You *can* see it for a split second in a **Dr. Pepper commercial**. That makes it sort of famous, right? The sound system may be appealing, and the parts list seems to include quality components, i.e., 30" TIS Modular wheels on Pirelli Scorpions, 13.5-inch cross-drilled and slotted rotors, 4-piston billet calipers, 7-gallon Air Zenith compressors, Rancho shocks, Long-travel 4 link rear suspension with bags by Slam Specialties. Guess whoever bought it could never be accused of having boring, common taste in cars...**Stripe & Paint Special Editions?!?** Remember the IDx concept that would have been the return of the *affordable Nissan sports coupe*? We are never getting that, but you will be able to buy a brand *new* **'18 Nissan 370Z "Heritage Edition"** that is exactly the same as all the other ones but with more stripes! In case you forgot, Nissan

still makes the 370Z sports car. It is the same car that has been on sale since '09. While other two-door coupes like the Mustang and Camaro have undergone huge generational updates in the past eight years or so, Nissan has decided to pretty much leave the Z alone. But man, if you have been waiting for the right moment to buy a brand new 370Z Nissan has a treat for you! Presenting the 370Z Heritage Edition! It's yellow or black, with stripes and graphics. The interior is also yellow and black. It seems that Nissan has been missing out on the honeybee enthusiast coupe market for years. The engine is the same as it still makes 332 HP and you can have either a six-speed manual or seven-speed automatic. But if you choose the three-pedal version you get an Exedy clutch! Remember those from **Sport Compact Car** magazine? Can I get a giant STILLEN sticker across the windshield too? It will debut at the New York Auto Show alongside the GT-R Track Edition. Pricing has not been released, but since the base model currently starts at \$30,855, you can probably expect the "Heritage Edition" to be a few grand above that as I have a hard time imagining Nissan charging you much more for stripes and special paint... **Diecast Insanity.**



The gang over at the **ACME diecast company** have been on an absolute tear lately, releasing all sorts of tasty diecasts that are, in some cases, difficult, if not impossible to pass up! Everything from full-bodied cars, sports cars, Bonneville cars, and even a motorcycle. They seem to have something for everyone! Full-bodied examples are **Paul Goldsmith's '63 LeMans 'Daytona Killer'**, a **'15 Mustang Shelby GT/** Sports cars? How about *twenty-five years of Vipers*, with a *black roadster*? A *belly tanker* is coming for salt fans. Or, how about a 1/18th scale **'65 Goldenrod LSR car?!?** For drag racers, a **'65 Dodge AWB**, and, if I am not mistaken, a *dragster*. Road racers include **Cheetahs** and **Scarabs**, while the **Shadow DN4** represents the Can Am series! The motorcycle referred to earlier would be a **1913 Indian 8-valve**. A miscellaneous release **APPEARS** to be

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Pontiacs on Parade!

The pendulum swung away from GTOs last month.

Ron Hamilton: Ron complied with a request to bring some of your oldest built models, and dug up this *MPC 1/16th scale '82 Trans Am* (ironically, the subject of my review last month!).

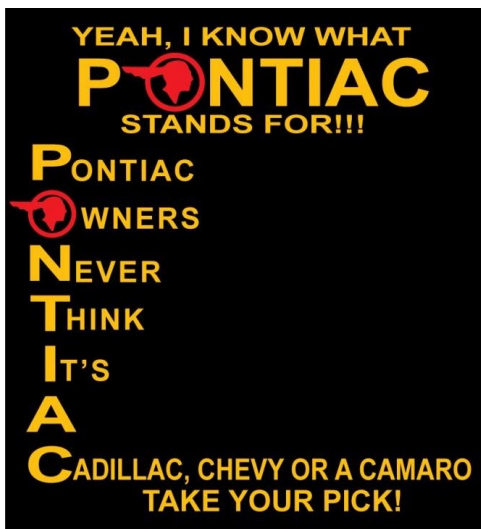
Steve M. Buter: Steve also heeded the call for older built models with his *'62 Catalina*, which has put in an appearance in the reserved parking area at least once be-

fore (*if I recall correctly*). Hey—they are **ALWAYS** welcome!

I pulled out another recent acquisition, in the form of an **AMT '62 Catalina** very tastefully custom painted and already foiled, making it's completion **MUCH** quicker and easier, since the hard part (*painting!*) is already done!!

So, c'mon—bring 'em and show 'em! **'PoP'** (*Pontiacs on Parade!*) **Sickle signing off for now! And**

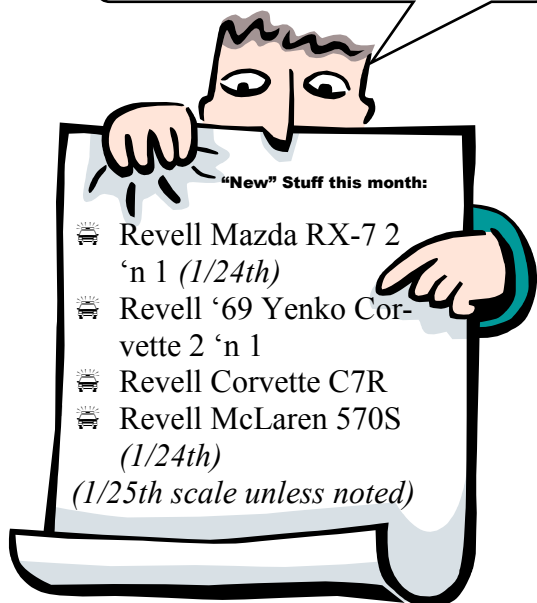
don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm sure diggin' 'em!!



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Websites

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<http://www.freewebs.com/cpmcc/>

Philly Area Car Modelers:

<http://www.pacms.org/>

NNL East:

<http://www.nnleast.com/>

Old Toyland Shows:

<http://www.oldtoylandshows.com/>

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nats:

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

Maryland Int'l Raceway:

<http://www.mirdrag.com/> 🏁

Classifieds

T 'n T (cont'd)

WANTED: I'm on the hunt for unbuilt/rebuildable Ponchos (GTOs, specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops in particular!). I have a collection to trade from. Want 1/8th scale Monogram '79 T/A and Red Baron, 1/25th scale '81 Firebird (snap), '66 Bonneville (MPC or Hasegawa), '69-'72 Grand Prixs, '70-'81 Firebirds, and empty **Pontiac kit boxes**. Would like to buy or borrow **old model car catalogs**. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. **Thanks!** 🏁

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"TV Tommy" Ivo's '64 Riviera and front-engine dragster! If any of these float your boat, then go to ACME's website—<https://www.acmediecast.com>. And tell 'em I sent ya (Thanks to autoweek.com, 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 me entertain y'all by sending stuff—I 'preciate it!) 🏁

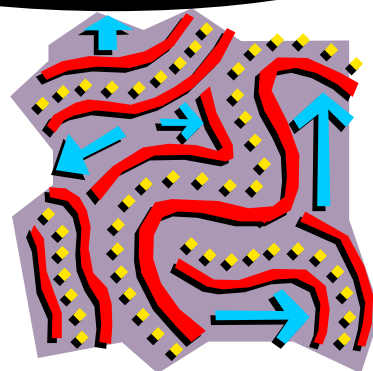
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Directions

From the Baltimore Beltway (RT 695): Take Exit 7, Route 295 (Baltimore-Washington Parkway) south towards Washington approx. 18 miles to Route 193 (Greenbelt Road), and exit. When on the off-ramp, stay to the right and merge right onto Southway (see below).

From the Washington Beltway (RT 495/95): Take Exit 22 north, towards Baltimore. Stay in the right lane and take the first exit onto Route 193 (Greenbelt Road). When on the off-ramp, bear to the right and take Greenbelt road west, towards College Park. Stay in the right lane and immediately after passing over the Parkway, make a right (at the light) onto Southway (read on!)



Once on Southway: Go straight to the second (2nd) STOP sign. Make a left onto Crescent road. Go to the STOP sign and make a right into the parking lot behind the Greenbelt Library. Once in parking lot, look to the right. The large, white building is the Greenbelt Community Center. Enter building using the doors near fenced tot lot. The multi-purpose room is on the second floor. There is an elevator to the left of the entrance. 🏁

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