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2018 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 20th
 - ☞ February 17th
 - ☞ March 17th
 - ☞ April 28th
 - ☞ May **NONE (!)**
 - ☞ June 16th
 - ☞ July 21st
 - ☞ August 18th
 - ☞ September 15th
 - ☞ October 20th
 - ☞ November 17th
 - ☞ December 15th (10 - 3!)
- Inclement weather phone number: (301) 474-0646.** ☎

MAMA NNL Is History!

As hopefully all (some?! of you know, there was **no May meeting** due to our NNL show. There will hopefully be coverage of the show in our June edition.

Kudos to **MAMA member Matt Guilfoyle** for the **ongoing appearance of cookies** at club meetings.

This month, **Rich Wilson** took a break, due

in large part to the sale of Revell and lack of anything interesting and/or new to review. I'm quite sure he'll be back when things change!

With no meeting, there was obviously no raffle. **No raffle—no donors!**

Thanks in advance to all of the MAMA members (male and female) who put in their time to

ensure a good event. 🚗



"Indy Month"

To recognize the month of May as being "Indy month," here are a few related stories.

The 102nd Indy 500 has named its pace car, and it's none other than the **'19 C7 Corvette ZR1** (Ed. Note: surprised?!). The Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced that the latest Vette will take the honors on race day, May 27.

With the announcement, the ZR1 will become the 15th Corvette

to pace the event and the 29th time a Chevy has led the field. Looking back, the first Chevy to do so was a '48 Fleetmaster Six convertible.

The ZR1 pace car will feature the optional ZTK performance package with adjustable carbon-fiber high rear wing, Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires and performance suspension, and the optional 8-speed automatic transmission. Of course, the 6.2-liter supercharged LT5 V8 engine provides power—755 hp, to be

exact.

Unique graphics adorn the ZR1 pace car and a 'GMC'-designed safety strobe system is also onboard.

The brand has a deep connection to the Indy 500, too. Co-founder Louis Chevrolet, along with brothers Arthur and Gaston raced the Indy 500 numerous times following its inception in 1911. Gaston Chevrolet won it in 1920.

Meanwhile, someone will have the opportunity to own 16 pieces of his-

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The Presidential Brief?

A bunch of us MAMA members attended *NNL East* in Wayne, NJ the week before our April meeting. It was an excellent show as always. The two huge vendor rooms held so much to see and I ran into so many people to talk with that I never got into the model display room until after most people had packed up their models. Our Tri-State Scale Model Car Club hosts were just getting ready to announce the awards when I got in there. The good news was that **MAMAs Boyz Irv Arter** and **Lyle Willits** won the awards for their theme entries. Irv won for the “*59th Anniversary of 1959*” theme category with his three-dimensional version of the show’s flyer and Lyle won the “*Salute to Modelhaus*” subtheme category with his Modelhaus resin 1940 Ford Hotrod. Congratulations to both Irv and Lyle!



So that reminds me: Our own *Mid-Atlantic NNL* is coming up on 12 May. In some ways we’re giving the show a re-start this year. We started by reaching to a lot of potential new vendors and reconnecting with some who hadn’t been with us in a very long time. Our goal was to sell each and every one of the 32 vendor spaces we have available. On that point I’m happy to report, mission accomplished. Our treasurer Matt Guilfoyle has nudged, prodded, wheedled, coaxed, and cajoled everyone who couldn’t get away from him and he has sold out our tables. **Great job Matt!**

Years ago when we started holding our show at the Ruhl Armory, we had to stop holding a raffle because that fell within the Army’s definition of gambling. Now that we’ve been with the Columbian center long enough to build a strong relationship, we’re bringing back the raffle this year. Along with our own Ron Bradley donating a boat load of kits, Henry Mason of Gofer Racing Decals has donated more than \$300 worth of decals, gauge face and panel sets, and pre-wired distributors for our reinvigorated raffle. Gofer has also provide 10% off coupons for everyone who comes in the door.



Our goals for next year include improving the food services and establishing teams to run the show. Matt is essentially producing this year’s show single-handedly as part of getting it re-baselined. This will enable him to document all the parts of the show so that different parts can be handed off to teams to handle in the future. So please start thinking now about how you’d like to get more involved in producing and running the show next year.

I want to extend a special thank-you shout out to **MAMAs Boyz Ron Dreschler** and **Lyle Willits**. I rode to the Inaugural Philly NNL with them back in March. I was also filling-in for the Philly show photographer, so I had to haul all my photo equipment first to Lyle’s then into and out of the Simeone museum. Unfortunately, as I was loading the last of my equipment into my truck, I fell off my front porch and injured my arm (*I didn’t know it at the time, but I learned a few weeks later that I had broken the radius bone in my forearm up near my elbow*). When I got to Lyle’s and told them I hurt my arm, they took over all the heaving and moving of my heavy boxes, moving everything into and out of the museum as well as helping greatly with



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Meeting Pix!



Brief (con't'd)

Guns Don't Kill People
Drivers With Cellphones Do



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the set up and operation that day. I truly could not have done it without them and their faith in my word that my arm was sore.

We settled on *"The Race of Gentlemen"* (TROG) for our **2019 Mid-Atlantic NNL theme** and *"Rally Cars"* as the sub theme. If you're not familiar with TROG, it is a celebration that pays tribute to the early days of beach racing. The cars and motorcycles are pre- and post-war racers that are purpose-built in owners' garages and back yards to be period correct. The races are flag started just as in those bygone days. To learn more about TROG check out the official web site at <https://www.theraceofgentlemen.com/>. The races are held in Wildwood, NJ every June.

Bill Blair, a model car builder from Alexandria, VA has given us a large box full of complete and incomplete model car kits, model car parts, and diorama materials for our meeting raffles. We'll be seeing these items pop in our raffles a bit at a time over the next several months. **Many thanks Bill!**

The September 2018 meeting will mark our **30th anniversary!** Can you believe it? 30 years. Anyway, Matt will have pricing information at the June meeting for commemorative shirts and jackets. He'll be taking orders so that we can wear our new garb at the 30th Anniversary meeting.

See you at the Mid-Atlantic NNL! 🏁

I BRAKE FOR...
Oh Shit, No Brakes!



“VeePee” Pick

In VeePee Dave Toups’ absence last month, I was again pressed into service to select an interesting model on the tables to highlight. I am always fascinated by work I have seen in smaller scale, so, *Tom Whiting’s neat little photoetched Excavator* got the nod. Here’s a few details.

Tom’s had two reasons for attacking this kit—first off, because Tom works with this type of equipment on a daily basis.

The other reason was that he wanted to “stretch the envelope” (*challenge himself*) by doing something new in an attempt to improve his skillset.

The yellow one adjacent to it was for presentation purposes, to depict the finished product. In other words, an attempt to give people an idea as to what it should look like when finished.

The company’s website (www.fascinations.com), shows that they have numerous other kits in addition to this one. Several Star Wars kits are listed, as well as aviation, vehicles, ships, tanks, and architecture, and finally, other construction

equipment includes a wheel loader, bulldozer, mining truck, and motor grader.

They list licensed models from *Cat*, *Star Wars*, *Star Trek*, *Marvel*, *Batman*, *Transformers*, and *Freightliner*, to name just a few.

Thanks, Tom! 🚧



MAMA NNL! LOOK

Here are a few pix from the MAMA NNL 📷



For **\$40,000 over MSRP**, one buyer can have a **'19 C7 Corvette ZR1** today. That's correct, this seller is asking **almost \$200,000** for an ever-so-slightly used Corvette ZR1.

It's quite a chunk of change over the base \$119,000 MSRP for a ZR1, and still much more than a fully-optioned ZR1 with the ZTK performance package and other goodies, which rings in at \$155,000. But, since the 'GMC' Bowling Green plant is currently building scheduled orders, it will be a while before anyone will have the chance to actually purchase one from a dealership's inventory.

The seller states there are 238 miles on the Torch Red ZR1 coupe and it also features the aforementioned ZTK performance package, which includes a front splitter, specific chassis and Magnetic Ride Control with special tuning, as well as Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires. And, of course, the 6.2-liter LT5 supercharged V8 engine making 755 horsepower, and in this particular car, it's mated to the eight-speed automatic transmission.

If you gotta have it, head to the [Cars.com](https://www.cars.com) sale posting for more info.

The true "Yenko" parted ways

with this world decades ago, but that hasn't meant a lack of Yenko products. However,

Brand New Muscle Car and **General Marketing Capital**, which owns the rights to the licensing rights to Yenko, plans for something really special.

To mark 50 years of Yenko Camaros, BNMC plans for a **limited run of continuation cars**. That's right, brand-new '68 Yenko Camaros built in 2018. They will be custom built and officially licensed Yenkos. They will also be added to the Official Yenko Worldwide Registry for authenticity.

BNMC didn't provide specific details on what the continuation cars will feature, but we can expect a 450-horsepower L72 427 big-block engine—the calling card for Yenkos. In total, just 64 were built and sold in '68. Final productions numbers sit in the hundreds.

It's unclear how many Camaros BNMC will build, but you can bet the supply will be short, and

the demand (read: price!) quite high.

Last year, Chevy debuted the **50th Anniversary Hot Wheels edition Camaro** to quite a bit of

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fanfare. Now, eager buyers will soon be receiving their cars.

The Lansing State Journal was on-hand as 'GMC's' Lansing Grand River plant cranked out the first few hundred special-editions. For some background, the Camaro was one of the first Hot Wheels toy cars released in '68, and also debuted in orange. The 50th Anniversary Camaro received a special shade of "Crush" orange exterior paint meant to recall the classic orange Hot Wheels tracks.

Aside from the unique exterior color, the package, which costs **\$4,995**, adds orange seatbelts, dark taillights, 50th Anniversary Hot Wheels badging and 20-inch wheels.

Todd Christensen, marketing manager for Camaro, said fans

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GMC Recall Ticker

of Recalls
150 (!)

of Vehicles Affected
37,023,171

This n That

FORD—Found On Road Dead?!? After months of rumors and uncertainty, Ford recently dropped a bombshell. The automaker announced it will “*not invest*” in next-generation sedans for North America. **Translation: the Ford Fiesta, Focus and Fusion will soon die off.** **Ford Authority** broke the news, though the automaker will still bring the crossover-like Focus Activ to North America. The hatchback and sedan are goners and were once thought to be imported to the US from China. The Mustang will also soldier on as the brand’s sports car. Immediately, we ponder the ramifications this could have at ‘GMC.’ Earlier reports suggested ‘GMC’ was already mulling the death of numerous passenger sedans, including the **Buick LaCrosse**, **Cadillac CT6** and **Chevy Volt**. More recently, reports surfaced adding the **Chevy Sonic** will exit production this year. The **Chevy Impala** is supposedly inching toward the chopping block as well. The market has consistently moved to more crossovers, trucks and SUVs and left little room for passenger car sales to grow. However, we can’t help but recall the financial down-

turn when consumers moved to less expensive small cars. Fuel prices likely won’t stay low forever, either. Time will tell how ‘GMC’ responds to the decision, but it appears Fiat-Chrysler Automobiles was ahead of the curve within the US auto industry when it axed the Chrysler 200 and Dodge Dart...**Ford vs Chevy!** The COPO Camaro will have some real competition on the drag strip this year after **Ford Authority** also reported that a new Mustang Cobra Jet is inbound. The announcement coincides with the **Cobra Jet’s 50th anniversary**; the first car came to market in 1968. Ford was light on specs but said the Cobra Jet will be based on the ‘18 Mustang. The light details include a unique four-link suspension with a 9-inch solid rear axle from Strange Engineering, Race-tech FIA seats, an NHRA-certified roll cage, and a special coil-over suspension designed especially for drag racing. Power will come from a supercharged 5.2-liter Coyote V8 engine with an undisclosed amount of horsepower. The COPO Camaro, meanwhile, can be had with a supercharged 5.7-



400 three-speed automatic transmission (Ed. Note: “*Old School*”!). Production will be limited to 68 Cobra Jets, a nod to the car’s introductory year, and like the COPO Camaro, they will not be street legal...**New Stuff!** The gang over at **Round 2** have announced some new stuff for later on in the year as follows: **Piranha Race Team**, **‘09 Challenger**, **‘71 Duster**, **‘55 Chevy 2 door post**, **Wild Wheels & Wide Ovals Parts Pack** (no pictures yet), **MPC 1/18 Hydro Vee Boat**, and a **‘94 Ford Lightning pickup**. Plan your future purchases accordingly. Oh, and the word is out that Hasagawa will now be distributed by Stevens International. Thanks to our own **Ron Bradley** for the scoop! (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!) 🍷



liter V8, naturally-aspirated 7.0-liter V8 and an LT-based, direct-injected 6.2-liter V8 engine. The engines are backed by a race-prepped Turbo

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Engineering Techniques



Abbreviations.com

Gov't (contd)

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have been begging for an orange shade to return to the Camaro's color palette. Though, it's unclear if the shade will stick around past the special edition's expiration date. Chevy hopes to sell 2-3,000 Anniversary editions through August. Then, orders will close for good.

Thus far, Chevy has received 1,200 orders and the plant has built 400 cars so far. Buyers may add the special edition package to any 2LT and 2SS Camaro.

So, all you Camaro and Hot Wheels fans get a move on! 🚗



March

A1801819 - 69 Boss 302 Trans Am Mustang #1 Sam Posey **SOLD OUT**

A1801819B - 69 Boss 302 Trans Am Mustang Street Car **SOLD OUT**

A1806106 - 70 Plymouth Barracuda AAR Vitamin C Orange \$129.95

April

A1801208 66 Pontiac GTO Tiger Gold w/ vinyl top \$129.95

US005 - ACME Exclusive GT Spirit **New Tooling** '17 Chevy Corvette Z06 Torch Red \$149.95

A1805409 **New Tooling** 65 Chevy El Camino **Drag Outlaws** New Series! \$144.95

May

M1801001 - The Masterpiece Collection 1:18 #11 Sunoco 512M Mark Donohue - 1971 24 Hours of Le Mans - \$379.95 **New Series**

Indy (contd)

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tory. One man's collection of Indy 500 Corvette pace cars is heading to auction.

Every single Corvette that has ever represented the race will be up for grabs, either as an entire collection or as separate vehicles if the collection doesn't sell as a whole. The collection begins with a '78 C3 Corvette, the first model to ever pace the race and traces history to include C4, C5, C6, and C7 cars. The real gems are actually the '13, '14, '15 and '17 examples.

The model years listed were never sold to the public, so the collection's current owner, Keith Busse, replicated each of the cars with authentic pace car equipment and proper graphics straight from the official suppliers. Truly, they are pace cars that have never set a tire on the track.

To sweeten the deal, the cars will each come with a pair of tickets to the 102nd Indy 500. It'll be interesting to see if the collection sells as a whole, or if it's pieced out. There isn't another collection of Corvettes like this anywhere in the world. 🏁



Ron's Rant



Plastic

🚗 Zippo!

Diecast

🚗 ACME '63 Black Split-Window Vette

🚗 ACME '57 Olds Super 88

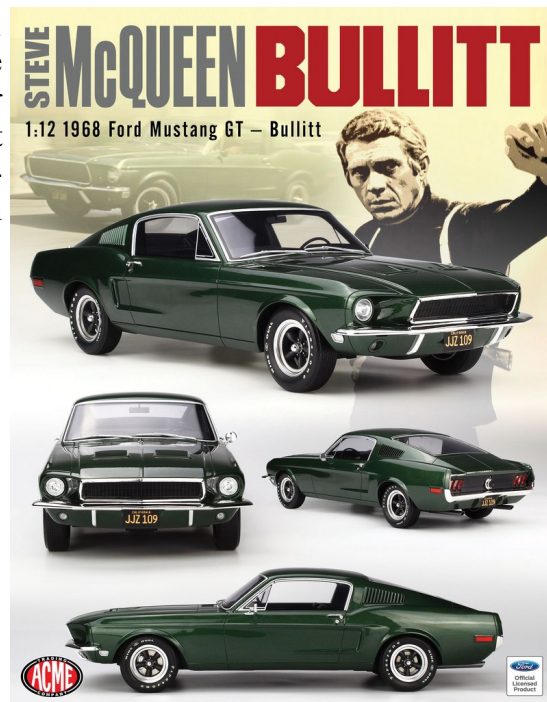
🚗 ACME '66 Shelby GT350H (Red/Gold & Black/Gold)

🚗 ACME '88 Mustang GT convertible, "Married w/children"

🚗 ACME Land Rover Defender, "Tomb Raider" Edition

🚗 ACME "Fast & Furious" '70 Charger

(1/25th scale unless noted)



Poncho Perfection Parade!



Things were very diverse last month for a change, with Ponchos of several sizes on display.

Mal Douglas brought along his cool “Lil Indian” Tempest, to park in the reserved parking area.

Meanwhile, I displayed a recently acquired, *mint unbuilt MPC ‘69 Bonneville hardtop*, a *resin ‘73 Grand Am* and some *H.B. Bailey markings*. I topped these off with a pair of *Steve Zimmerman’s large-diameter rolling stock*, all sourced from this year’s *NNL East*, held the weekend prior

to our meeting.

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 thanks, I’m sure diggin ‘em!!* 🚗

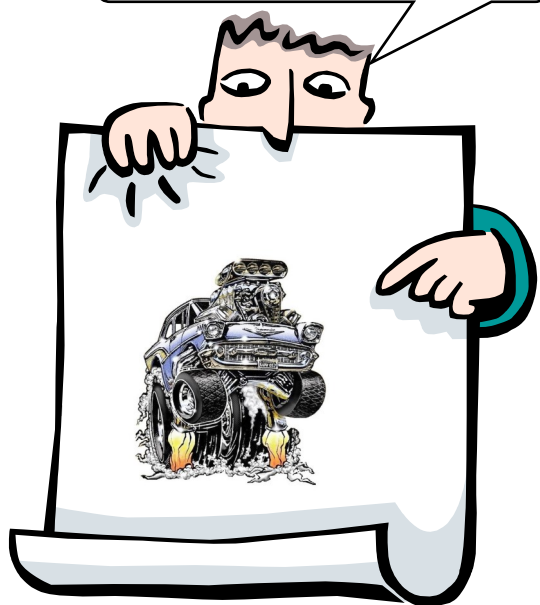


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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!



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Philly Area Car Modelers:

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

Central PA Model Car Club:

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

NNL East:

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

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

www.eastcoastindoornats.com

Maryland Intl Raceway:

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

Old Toyland Shows:

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

Carlisle Events:

<http://www.carlisleevents.com>

York US30 Musclecar Madness:

www.yorkus30.com 🚗

Classifieds

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 Prix, '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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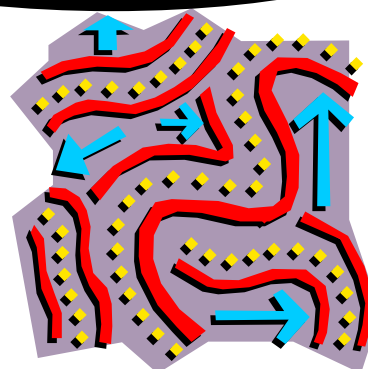
Were on the web!

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

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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