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2019 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 19th
- ♠ February 16th
- ←MMarch 16th
- AmApril 20th
- May NONE (!)
- June 15th
- √MJuly 20th
- AMAugust 17th
- September 21st
- October 19th
- November 16th
- ✓ December 21st (10 3!)

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Time to Go Racin'!

For a meeting that we almost didn't have over scheduling conflicts in Greenbelt, it turned out very well, with many MAMA members finding the temporary location. Thanks to everyone at the Severna Park Community Center for showing us a great time.

Still, word reaches me that as many as *FIVE* members were in Green-

belt to find it empty! Current e-mail addresses might have saved a trip!

This month, *Rich Wil-son* did *NOT* provide a review, choosing to go in a different direction.

Poncho Perfection parking was filled to overflowing—again!

Thanks, guys!!

The raffle raised \$161.50, while the door kicked in \$59.00, mean-

ing, I believe, that we made the rent—thanks!

Thanks also to the following donors: Brad, Ed Brown, Steve M. Buter, Dan Chicorelli, Ron Hamilton, Mark Parkhurst, Steve Scott, Chris Whalley, Lyle Willits, Bradley's Car Collectibles, and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!

The Presidential Brief?!

Although we spread the word through all three of our communications channels (the web site, our FaceBook page, and our extensive club email list) five members didn't get the information about our mad scramble to reschedule the January meeting and showed up at Greenbelt on the third Saturday.

The first step to making sure this doesn't happen again is for everyone in the club who has an email address, make sure you get it to me so I can add it to our email distribution list. You can give it to me in any form: handwritten, emailed to me at <u>mamawebmaster@broadstripe.net</u>, a photo of it tattooed on your arm, whatever. Just please make sure that I have your email address for our club email list.

If you don't have email or computer access to check our website or FaceBook page, well, you probably aren't reading this anyway.

But if you happen to be one of those folks who reads the room copy of the Newsletter during a meeting and you are reading this, please find a buddy who does receive the club emails, give him your phone number, and ask him to call you whenever important announcements, like meeting cancellations or schedule changes are sent out.

Despite being a different week of the month,

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Brief (cont'd)

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a different time, and a different location, we had a strong turnout for the January Alternate Meeting. I was very surprised. We even saw "Joe the Hat" Atwell and his lovely wife Cathy. I really didn't think there would be more than 12 - 20 people there. We had 35 chairs in the room and some members had to stand during the business portion of the meeting. Considering the room was about half the size of the one we're used to meeting in, it felt like some of us got to know each other a little too well...

Seriously, I cannot thank the Severna Park Community Center (SPCC) enough, particularly Leeanna Curry and Amy Holbrook who run the business office there. for making it possible for us to have a place to meet. If you've ever tried to rent a meeting hall anywhere you know how many months of advance notice you usually need. These ladies not only got us in with just three weeks' notice, they gave us a free upgrade to a larger and nicer room. And I can't forget the terrific SPCC maintenance crew who cleaned the room and setup/took down all the tables and chairs for us. I think we could get spoiled.

Cruz told me about a hobby shop in Towson called *Competition Miniatures*. They are primarily focused on figure models, but he said they are expanding to offer model car kits and supplies. If you find yourself in Towson, check 'em out at 8803 Orchard Tree Lane. Their web site at *www.competitionminis.com*, does

not yet show any model car products, but they have a lot of interesting figure kits and supplies.

Α few months ago, Matt spoke about various aspects of 3-D printing as it relates to model cars. This month displayed few 3-D printed parts that I recently purchased through the

Shapeways web site. First was a Livingston V-shaped Radiator for the ICM Model T Ford kits. I bought it to use on my Speedster kit. The Livingston V Radiator was originally designed for Edsel Ford's first speedster. It fits 1909-1916 Model T frames and follows the same hood contour as the standard Model T radiator. Because of the radiators protruding front, the crank handle will have to be lengthened, too. Unfortunately, photos of the part just look like white blobs, so I've included renderings from the original CAD-Model (refer to page 12).

The other two parts I displayed were a grille and hood that convert the Monogram 1980 Dodge Ramcharger kit into a 1976 Plymouth Trail Duster. Here's a photo of the parts laying on the latest issue of *Vintage Truck Magazine* (refer to page 12—thanks Matt for letting me borrow your brand new magazine to display my parts!) I haven't yet had a



chance to try these parts of the Livingston radiator for fit with their respective kits, but I can tell you the surface of the parts is not smooth. It will take some priming and sanding to make them right.

If you've never visited the Shapeways website, I recommend this link which will take you straight to the model vehicle-related parts: https://www.shapeways.com/marketplace/miniatures/vehicles/?li=featured.

From there you can find parts for cars, trucks, race cars, buses, motorcycles, and more. But be warned: there is not yet a way to filter out any scales in which you are not interested if you are looking for 1/24 or 1/25 scale parts. I spent several evenings over a couple weeks sifting through looking for 1/24 and 1/25 scale parts.

We have already received our first sponsorship donation for our upcoming Mid-Atlantic NNL! *Tru-Color Paints* has provided us

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"VeePee" Pick

This month's pick comes from MAMA member *Ron Roberts*.

Ron didn't provide much in the way of details on this build, so, we'll have to let the pictures do all the talkin'.

This '53 Chebby is the latest Monogram release, with Ron's inspiration coming from numerous magazines and the Interweb.

Due to its size (1/24th scale, if I recall correctly) it uses large parts box slicks and front tires, wearing Centerline rims.

Ron added a Moon tank and roll cage (also sourced from the parts box).

He also added a bit of aluminum tubing for the exhaust dump.

Finally, he topped it off with Testor's Ruby Red and Flat Black lacquer. A few well placed decals, and—voila! A sweet little gas class racer.

Consider
this—this
month's pick is
impressive for
the simple fact that
it got Dave to
choose something
OTHER than a
Ford (③)! Just kiddin', Dave!

Kudos, Ron!

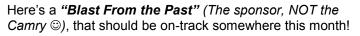
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Meeting Pix



Just goes to show ya—**PLENTY** of room in our temporary meeting location!



A **Plymouth Trail Duster**, **NOT** a **Dodge Ramcharger**, complete with 3D-printed Plymouth-specific pieces!



Bowtie guru Lyle Willits made short work of the new Revell '68 SS396 kit. *Kudos, Lyle!*



Not a lot of space on THIS table!!

Leonard "Large-scale" Harrod, hard at work on a stock-wheelbase 1/16th scale Vega!





The other thing we

I HATE Painting!

I hate it so much that I look for anything that will make it easier. In a conversation about painting with Tim, our illustrious club Prez, he asked me to write a short article for our newsletter for those with less experience. I was explaining to him about a "rattle can" primer that I use to protect plastic from lacquer based paints. Let me say up front this primer is good on plastic that is either white or gray plastic. If you want to try it on colored plastic with lacquer top coat paint, then do a test on an unpainted part that you will never need again. The paint is either Mr. white surfacer 1000 or Mr. base white 1000. The bad news is either one costs \$12 per can. One coat is all that's needed and it comes out glass smooth with no need for sanding. It's available at the Laurel hobby shop. Fortunately a can goes a long way.

talked about was covering colored plastic so that the plastic color doesn't bleed through. I've met several builders that do not buy kits molded in colored plastic because of this problem and others that paint the plastic in a color similar to the plastic to avoid the problem even though it's a color they don't like. The **BIG** issue here is the lacquer based paint that they used. Lacquer based paint is different than other types in that it chemically cuts through the previous coat and then bonds with it. That's why if you're using it right, the top layer gets smoother and shiner the more coats you apply. But that same action will cut into the plastic if you don't use the proper primer. **USE** DO **NOT LACQUER BASED PAINTS ON COLORED** PLASTIC PERIOD AT ANY **TIME**. Once your model is ready for its' first primer coat and all the filling and sanding is done, prime

it with Testors flat gray primer (oil-based) thinned for your air brush. When that is dry add a coat of Testors flat white primer (oilbased) again thinned for your air brush. With my Badger air brush, it's three parts paint to two parts thinner. When that coat is dry start your color (top) coats as you like. **BUT DO NOT USE LACQUER BASED PAINT**. As further proof, check out the "undercoating" instructions in the Tamiya Ferrari Enzo supercar kit no. 260. And I quote "When painting light color on dark-colored plastic, proper undercoating procedure provides a beautiful finish: firstly apply Tamiya surface primer (i.e. gray primer) When it dries, paint white. Finally paint your desired color."

Give it a try and let me know your results. I'll have an '82 Ford Bronco on the display table soon that is orange plastic but is painted two-tone white and yellow.

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!

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A new 'GMC' recall impacts their two all-new full-size trucks—'19 Silverado and Sierra, to address an airbag-related issue. They will be recalling *154* 1500 Crew Cab trucks to fix them.

The passenger-side front airbag Sensing Diagnostic Module (SDM) on the affected vehicles may have been damaged during assembly, resulting in possible improper inflation during the event of a crash.

If the airbags do not inflate properly in the event of a crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

'GMC' will notify owners, and dealers will replace the passenger side airbag module, free of charge.

Customers looking to find out if their vehicle is included in these recalls should visit <u>re-calls.gm.com</u>. There, owners will be able to enter their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) to see any open recalls as well as customer satisfaction programs (?!). If the vehicle is part of the recall, then owners should take it to a dealer.

Meanwhile, speakin' of trucks, the '19 Silverado 1500 and Dale Earnhardt Jr. will lead the field to green for this year's running of the Daytona 500.

The former NASCAR Sprint Cup Series star and occasional NASCAR announcer will drive the updated truck during formation laps ahead of the 61st running of The Great American Race. Surprisingly, this will be the first time the

first time the Daytona 500 will be paced by a pickup truck. They aren't performance cars, but you'd think the most popu-

lar vehicle type in America would have paced the most American race before.

Earnhardt is understandably excited to pace the 500—not only is it the biggest race of the year, it's one of his most successful tracks. He won the 500 twice, once in '04 and again in '14, and also won the July race twice.

The '19 Silverado 1500 pace truck has the 420 hp 6.2-liter V8 and 10-speed automatic transmission, along with some Daytona 500 decals and the necessary pace lights. It will be the 13th Chevy to pace the 500. So far seven of those have been Camaros and five have been Corvettes.

Still more truck news. The 2.7 -liter turbo'ed four cylinder '19 Silverado returned *worse fuel*

economy than a similarly equipped 5.3-liter V8 model in a recent *Car and Driver* comparison test.

For reference, the EPA fuel economy numbers for the 2.7L four cylinder Silverado is 20 mpg city and 23 mpg highway

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at most, while a '19 Silverado 5.3L is expected to return at least 15 mpg city and 20 mpg highway (depending on which 5.3L V8 you get). But it's important to know some details of this standardized fuel economy test.

The publication conducts its own real-world highway fuel economy tests, which are run at a speed of 75 mph, much faster than the EPA's slow 48 mph test. This makes sense, as consumers are more likely to travel at around 75 mph on the highway than 48 mph.

C & D noticed the 2.7-liter turbo four cylinder Silverado and 5.3-liter V8 Silverado returned similar EPA combined fuel economy figures (20 mpg and 18 mpg, respectively) so they decided to compare the two in its own 75 mph test. They didn't have identi-

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GMC Recall Ticker

of Recalls 158 (!) # of Vehicles Affected 41.639.131



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cal models on hand, instead comparing a 2.7-liter Silverado RST double cab vs 5.3-liter RST Crew Cab, which was 314 lbs heavier, but that didn't seem to have much of an effect on the end result.

The four cylinder Silverado averaged 18 mpg during the test, whereas the V8 model average 21 mpg, representing a difference of 28 percent. This isn't that surprising a result to anyone familiar with the ploy behind small turbo engines. These tiny displacement, forced induction motors perform well on the EPA tests, which are conducted at unrealistically low speeds, but at higher speeds when more boost is needed, the fuel economy falls off a cliff. This dip in fuel economy for turbo four cylinders under heavy load can also be observed when accelerating quickly from a stoplight.

C & D conducted the same highway fuel economy test with a 6.2-liter V8 Sierra 1500 Denali with the eight-speed automatic transmission last year and observed an average of 18 mpg—the exact same as the four cylinder Silverado RST. The 450 hp Ford F-150 Raptor also returned the same 18 mpg figure. The only truck that did worse on the 75 mph highway loop test was the Toyota Tundra TRD Pro, which got 17 mpg.

Enough trucks?! The mid engine Corvette will NOT debut at the '19 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. That much you may already know. But what you likely don't know is

why.

According to sources familiar with the matter, engineers have uncovered a major electrical issue with the future Corvette during the development process. Apparently, the vehicle's electrical system can't carry the load necessary to support the necessary components.

To address the issue, engineers will need to re-engineer the electrical system. Naturally, changes made to the sports car will also need to be coordinated with suppliers involved in providing 'GMC' with the electrical components, as well as any associated equipment. The undertaking will delay the project by *six months*.

Despite this, 'GMC' should still be able to launch the car for the '20 model year, though a '21 launch is not entirely off the table.

Each year, *Motor Trend* gathers up some of the hottest performance cars and hands one the title of *Best Driver's Car*. This year, Chevy and 'GMC' were represented by just one vehicle: the '19 C7 Corvette ZR1 (*REALLY?!*).

After wringing out 12 different performance machines spanning a variety of powertrains, price points and more, the publication named a winner: the *Lamborghini Huracán Performante*. Yes, the '19 C7 Corvette ZR1 failed to capture the title.

But, judging by some of the impressions of the Corvette, it was never bound to win. During the testing, judges found the ZR1 was just a beast of a car, but it failed to deliver power to the rear wheels



appropriately and testers never quite trusted the 755 hp machine.

One judge commented, "I never, ever, trust the rear." Another called it a "nerve-wracking ride." Others lamented a slow-shifting eight-speed automatic transmission. Racing driver Randy Pobst said he probably could have shaved another second off of the ZR1's posted lap time with 10 sets of tires and another five DAYS, but the competition doesn't quite have that kind of time.

The Huracán Performante, though, drew incredible praise for being a Lambo that finally drives as well as it looks. The car's all-wheel-drive system and midmounted V10 engine were a winning combination that pushed judges to drive faster than they were capable of. It simply turned any amateur driver into someone greater than their former selves.

Pobst said the Lamborghini turns anyone into a "god," and "you just get in and you drive like Ayrton Senna." The same kind words weren't found for the Corvette ZR1. And we have a feeling the Corvette team is well aware of its downfalls, even if it has no problem spanking the Ford GT around the track.

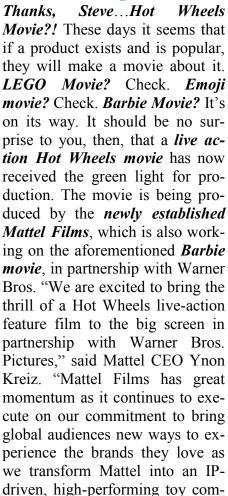
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This n That

MAMA Kudos! For those of you living under a rock, MAMA's Boy Leonard had his slick "smallscale" Cutlass (1/25th!) featured in the February '19 issue of Scale Auto magazine, in the "One Great Model" section. Kudos, Leonard...MAMA Show Sponsor! It came out at our January meeting that Tru-Color Paints is interested in sponsorship of our NNL show! The NNL committee will take the necessary steps in order to seal the deal...*New Stuff!* Apparently, word is circulating via the Spotlight Hobbies message board and the Hoosier Model Car Association newsletter about some new ICM releases. They have retooled their 1/35th scale Renault London/Paris taxis to 1/24th scale. There is also supposed to be additions to their Model T series in the guise of a gas delivery car, along with the addition of *figure sets*— American Motorists, American Sports Car Drivers and American Gasoline Loaders. Tamiya is issuing a kit of the 2018 LeManswinning *Toyota TS050*. Thanks to Jim Casassa for the news. Check with our plastic "Pusher" Ron Bradley...New Model Magazine. Per an item in the GTR Auto **Modelers** newsletter, the new

magazine,
"Dedicated
Scale Enthusiast" was to have begun production in January. It appears to feature lowriders, customs, street machines and

Tuners. Check out their website—www.dedicatedmagazine.com.



pany." Hot Wheels debuted in 1968 and the company has sold more than *four BILLION* of the miniature diecasts to date. A number of General Motors vehicles



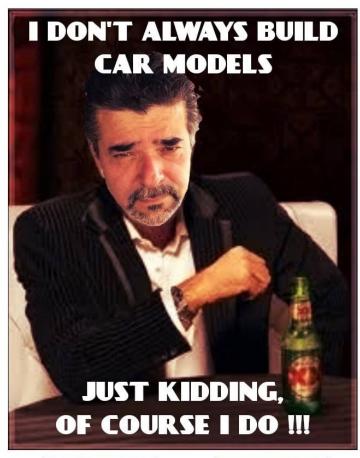
models, including the Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette, Cadillac Eldorado and Pontiac Firebird convertible. These original cars are known as the "The Original 16" or "Sweet Sixteen" among Hot Wheels enthusiasts and are rather valuable today. "Hot Wheels has been inspiring the imagination of kids around the world for over 50 years,", Warner Bros.' chairman Toby Emmerich said of the iconic model car manufacturer. "We couldn't be more excited to be bringing the adrenaline, adventure, and excitement of Hot Wheels to the big screen." It's not yet clear when the Hot Wheels movie may be released, nor what the premise for the live action film might be. We'll be on standby waiting for an official trailer, and as Hot Wheels fans and car fans, we'll have our fingers crossed that it's at least watchable (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 entertain *y'all by sending stuff—I preciate* it!) 🚔





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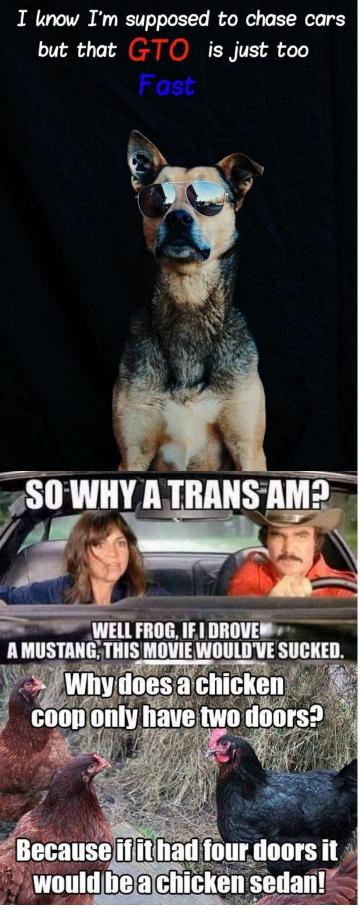




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Oh Shit, No Brakes!

Guns Don't Kill People Drivers With Cellphones Do





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THE TRI - STATE SCALE MODEL CAR CLUB PRESENTS







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Shapeways Livingston V-shaped Radiator

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with several sets of their Tru-Color Paint in high-gloss, metallic, Kandy, and Pearlescent automotive colors for our prizes. Many thanks to *Rick Galazzo* and *Dr. Martin Cohen* of TRU-Color paints. They are a couple of IPMS members who started their paint company in 2008. They have paints specifically formulated for accurate colors on railroad, armament, aircraft, ships, and of course, car models. Check them out at www.

http://trucolorpaint.com/.

Lyle suggested we hold a good, old-fashioned *club fund-raising auction*. He pointed out that we haven't had one in years. His excellent recommendation came after we voted to keep our Mid-Atlantic NNL vendor tables priced at \$35.00 and the participant entry fee at \$10.00 despite

the hall rental cost escalating by 32% this year. A fund-raising auction seems like a good hedge to make sure we continue to have enough money in our coffers to pay for our meeting room at Greenbelt for a while, so we voted to hold an auction at our September meeting. What this means is that I will bug you all at each meeting to go through your collections of kits and accessories looking for those things that you know you will never build or get around to using, and set them aside to donate for the auction



Ron's Rant



- Diecast
- GTO (\$129.95, 400 pieces)
- '63 Black Tempest (\$129.95, 96 pieces)
- '65 GT350R Mustang Charlie Kemp White/blue stripe #65 (\$154.95, 65 pieces)
- '69 Charger R/T Black/white stripe (1/12th, \$279.95)





Shapeways Plymouth Trail Duster 3D-printed parts



Last month, the reserved parking was *JAMMED* (again!)—thanks, guys!!

Mal Douglas: Mal was responsible for the *RMCM of MD resin OHC-6* project starter.

Ron Hamilton: Ron's black '62 Bonneville hardtop actually started out as a convertible!?

Kevin Kovach: Yup, he's still workin' over that '61 *Tempest* that he beat me out of!

Chris Whalley: Chris came "en masse" with THREE Ponchos (two red convertibles, BOTH LeMans's, coincidentally!)—a '62 and a '64, and a '64 Grand Prix.

To these I added a Round 2 '79 T/A, and marked



the return of my unbuilt '69 Bonneville hardtop.

So, c'mon—bring 'em and show em! 'PoP' (Pontiacs on Parade!) Sickle signin' off! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm diggin 'em!!



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Philly Area Car Modelers: http://www.pacms.org/

NNL East:

http://www.nnleast.com/

Carlisle Events:

http://www.carlisleevents.com

East Coast Indoor Nationals: www/eastcoastindoornats.com

Maryland Intl Raceway:

http://www.mirdrag.com/

York US30 Musclecar Madness:

<u>www.yorkus30.com</u> ≒



The End!

I just wanted to end with a quick note of thanks to all of you who have contributed to this newsletter, whether occasionally, or continuously. That includes photographic credit to *Lyle Willits* and *Gary Sutherlin*. You guys all make me look good.

Thanks, I appreciate it! ≒

Classifieds

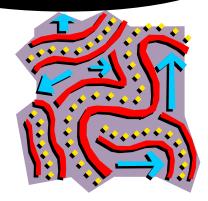
WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Ponchos (GTOs, specifically '68 MPC hardtops and convertibles, and '71 hardtops in particular!). I have a collection to trade from. Want 1/8th scale Monogram '79 T/A and Red Baron, 1/25th scale '81 Firebird (snap), '66 Bonneville (MPC or Hasegawa), '69-'72 Grand Prixs, '70-'81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

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 offramp, 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!)



Southway: Once on 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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