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## 2023 MAMA Schedule

For the foreseeable future, we will be meeting at 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 21st
- ☞ February 18th
- ☞ March 18th
- ☞ April 15th
- ☞ May—**No Meeting!**
- ☞ June 17th
- ☞ July 15th
- ☞ August 19th
- ☞ September 16th
- ☞ October 21st
- ☞ November 18th
- ☞ December 16th

**Hope to see you there** 🍷



## Time To Go Racin'!

The January meeting seems to indicate that MAMA is back with a vengeance, given the number of members in attendance, and the models and sale items that were displayed! To add to that, we seem to be adding new members at every meeting. To paraphrase, Keanu Reeves' John Wick character,

"Yeah, I guess we're back!"

Dave Toups' choice was **Rick Donovan's die-cast Mustang**. Unfortunately, no info is available on Rick's car.

Pontiac reserved parking is back in the Poncho Perfection corner! So, bring your Ponchos to "cruise"!

The raffle raised

**\$126.00**, while the door added **\$130.00**, meaning we made the rent from the following donors: **Brad, Steve M. Buter, Cruz, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Dave Matiko, Rich Meany, Ron Shirey, Don Sutherland and Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD**. Thanks guys—we 'preciate it!—**Tim** 🍷

One evening after being called to dinner, I was walking out of my hobby room and a Jo-Han Maverick Pro Stock Grabber kit sitting on one of my Ford model car kit shelves caught my eye, sparking a memory of the time I briefly owned half of a full-sized Maverick.

Back in the early to mid-80s an Arbutus resident whom I'll call John got locked up for traversing the I-95 North Exit off of MD 695 East in excess 100 MPH – sideways. You might say he was drifting his Maverick long before drifting be-



came a sport in this country. You'd be correct to guess that alcohol was involved (*and not in the car's fuel system!*) Knowing John, at least one other recreational substance was likely involved as well.

John was a friend of the lead guitarist of a band I was in at the time. They'd been friends

since childhood and whenever the band practiced or played a show John was there, staring. John stared all the time. I never once saw him blink. Especially in conversation—the young women who associated with the band members typically found John's staring to be rather dis-

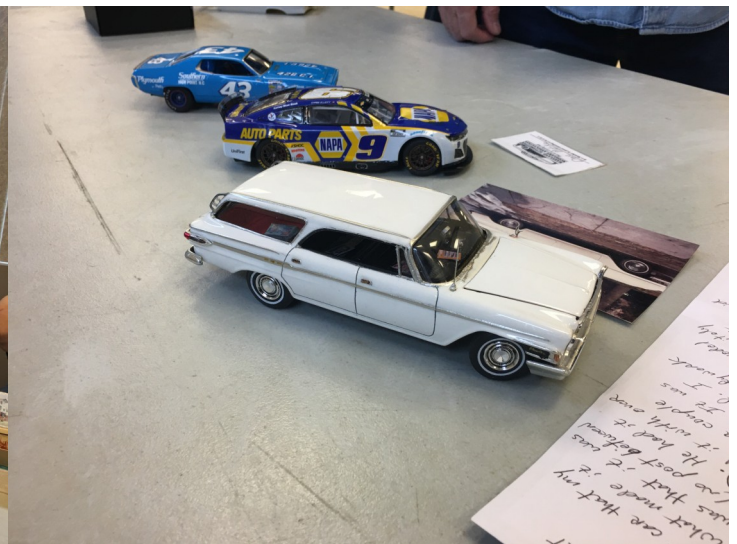
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# MAMA Meeting LOOK



Congrats, Rick!





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'GMC' is recalling an **unknown number of 2021-22 GMC Terrain crossovers** due to a problem with the fuel pump module failing to reliably deliver enough fuel to the engine, creating a stalling risk.

'GMC' notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the upcoming recall in mid-January. Since the safety recall was still pending in early February, 'GMC' was not yet conducting actual repairs to correct the issue.

The fuel pump module in these Terrains is defective, causing inconsistent flow of fuel to the engine. The amount of fuel delivered to the engine could occasionally fall below the threshold needed to keep it running.

Owners may see a check engine light illuminate. The vehicle may hesitate while driving or fail to turn over when the driver attempts to start it. The engine may also stall. A stall could increase the risk of a crash depending on where it happens.

The fuel pump modules of these GMC Terrain units will be replaced at the dealership. The parts were not yet available as of early February '23, so the repair cannot currently be made.

'GMC' is preparing a vehicle identification number or VIN list

of affected vehicles to share with its dealerships, facilitating identification of individual GMC Terrain crossovers with the problem. This might also provide a total number of affected vehicles. It's worth noting that **2021-22 Chevy Equinoxes** are also part of this recall.

Dealerships will begin replacing the GMC Terrain fuel pump modules as soon as enough parts are available. The replacement will be completed free of charge. Courtesy transportation will be available for customers whose vehicles are still under warranty for the affected parts.

In all cases, 'GMC' will notify owners about this recall. Owners of affected vehicles can also visit [my.gm.com/recalls](https://my.gm.com/recalls) with their VIN to view any open recalls or other actions that may be active for their

particular vehicle. Unsold vehicles affected by this recall will be placed under a stop-sale order until the relevant repairs are performed.

The '23

## GOVERNMENT MOTORS

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**Cadillac Escalade-V** introduces a new supercharged heartbeat for the luxury nameplate, blessing the full-size SUV with sports-car levels of performance. Naturally, the price of entry is rather steep—in fact, the Cadillac Escalade-V is **the most expensive Cadillac currently available**. As such, one might expect an exceptional service and ownership experience. Unfortunately, that wasn't the case for one Cadillac Escalade-V

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#### 'GMC' Recall Ticker

# of Recalls

269 (!)

# of Vehicles Affected

56,239,251

## C8 Watch

‘GMC’ unveiled the ‘23 *Corvette Z06* in October of ‘21 as the next-level in the C8 lineup, offering a striking widebody design, a new high-revving, atmospheric V8 engine, and even more go-fast goodness. No surprise then that the new C8 Z06 is in high demand—so high, in fact, one example just sold at auction for an eye-widening **\$275,000**.

The ‘23 Z06 in question traded hands at the Mecum Auctions event in Kissimmee, Florida. Standout features include a Torch Red exterior offset by Metallic Black racing stripes, as well as 20-inch and 21-inch Spider design forged black wheels. A set of red Brembo brake calipers can be found in the corners, while the roof panel is body-colored. The interior is done in Jet Black, while red seat belts provide a splash of color. Just 15 miles are registered on the odometer.

While \$275K might seem a bit steep for a vehicle with an advertised starting price of **\$106,395** (*the range-topping 3LZ convertible starts at \$127,245*), it’s frankly not all that surprising given just how much demand there is for the new Z06. Back in December, for example, ***GM Authority*** reported on a new ‘23 C8 Z06 coupe with 25 miles on the clock and an asking price of **\$375,000**, a jaw-dropping **251-percent price increase over MSRP**.

Pretty wild stuff, but then again, the ‘23 Z06 is likely the wildest Corvette yet. Cradled just behind the cabin is the naturally

aspirated 5.5L V8 gas engine, which is rated at 670 horsepower, with screaming 8,600 rpm red-line.

After much anticipation, ‘GMC’ finally debuted the ‘24 *Corvette E-Ray*, with a hybrid powertrain, all-wheel drive and quicker acceleration times than the track-focused C8 Z06.

The E-Ray borrows the Stingray’s naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 engine, which produces 495 horsepower, but adds an electric motor on the front axle that generates 160 horsepower. Combined output is pegged at 655 horsepower. A new variant (*RPO code MLH*) of the C8’s dual-clutch, eight-speed automatic transmission sends the gasoline engine’s power to the rear wheels, while the electric motor feeds the front wheels. For the first ever, the C8 is equipped with all-wheel drive.

According to ‘GMC’, the car is able to accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in 2.5 seconds, a tenth of a second quicker than the Z06. It can also cover a quarter mile in 10.5 seconds with a trap speed of 130 mph. This despite the E-Ray posting a base curb weight of 3,774 pounds for the coupe and 3,856 pounds for the convertible, or roughly 400 pounds heavier than the Stingray and about 300 more than the Z06 equipped with the carbon fiber wheels and Z07 Performance package.

The C8 E-Ray also features a 1.9 kWh battery pack that’s located between the seats, which is



self-recharged under normal driving conditions as well as when the car is coasting or decelerating. A new Stealth Mode allows the E-Ray to be temporarily driven on electric power alone at speeds of up to 45 mph, which our neighbors will appreciate when we leave home early in the morning.

In addition to the C8’s usual drive modes—Tour, Sport, Track, Weather, My Mode and Z-Mode—the E-Ray includes a new Charge+ mode that maximizes the battery pack’s state of charge for when owners want maximum performance, such as on a track. The E-Ray will be equipped as standard with the Brembo Carbon Ceramic brakes and the Magnetic Ride Control 4.0 suspension as well. An optional ZER Performance package adds Michelin Pilot Sport 4 ZP summer tires, unique chassis tuning and other performance-minded enhancements. Meanwhile, the E-Ray Performance App displayed on the infotainment screen shows the propulsion system in action, providing dynamic gauges, power and torque graphs, along with efficiency and performance data.

Visually, the E-Ray shares the Z06’s wider body while being equipped with a unique set of lightweight twisted, five-spoke

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## T 'n T

**Classic Car Appraisal Fever.** The owner of two 1979 Corvettes is in a tussle with a Kansas county after being taxed *more than 11 times* what they'd previously paid in fees to own their Corvette parts car. Don Hawley is the owner of a pair of 1979 C3 Corvettes, one a road car, one a parts car he uses to keep the other on the road, according to KMBC 9. It's just a roller; it has no drivetrain or interior and a disabled fuel system, which is why he was able to buy it for \$1,000 in 2015. It's not worth much to anyone, so he's never paid more than \$61 in taxes annually. That changed last year when Hawley was taxed \$718 for the car—a fee he felt “was pretty unrealistic for a car frame.” Hawley reached out to the Appraiser's office for an explanation and learned his car had been revalued that year according to state standards. Kansas reportedly relies on NADA and JD Power value estimates to appraise vehicles, though if this data is absent, it uses the purchase price, which Hawley's taxes had historically been based on. Evidently, the state obtained the NADA data in 2022, which valued his car at \$12,100 on paper. According to a county statement issued to KMBC 9, the Appraiser's office informed Hawley of the change in May via a Notice of Value Change. Because the shell of a C3 isn't worth 12 grand in *ANY* world, he contacted the Appraiser's Office and was informed he had recourse. They issued him a Payment Under Protest application and instructed him

how and when to file, and advised him to submit further documentation to correct the county's appraisal. He reportedly acknowledged receiving the application but hadn't filed it as of Dec. 29. The county also said it had not received his 2022 Personal Property rendition form. Hawley reportedly claimed no knowledge of the Payment Under Protest application's Dec. 20 deadline (*which is specified in the document*), and disagreed with the county's value appraisal but said he would file the paperwork anyway. “It's an affordable hobby, but being punished with the taxes, that's inappropriate,” Hawley told the station...**Reverse Record?!** We've seen some pretty interesting feats done with automobiles in the last few decades as cars get faster and faster. Some of the world's first production has ever hit 300 miles an hour, Dodge coming out with a 9 second quarter mile drag car, Chevy making a mid-engine C8 Corvette. However none of these quite strike a chord like this story in which a man took it upon himself to test the performance capabilities of his C7 Corvette in reverse. you might be asking yourself why he did this, and to be honest with you most people would be. Though once you see the downright ridiculous record that he managed to pull off you might change your tune entirely. The car in question was a C7 that most sources didn't really explain very well in terms of modification trim level or power output. It's common knowledge that that generation had around 450 horsepower in its standard form, climbing as you go up the ladder of the

Corvette hierarchy. Though its reverse capabilities are never really something that most people considered, other than when backing out of their driveway. Except Scot Burner, a man with probably the most Daredevil-ish name on the planet, who took it upon himself to set the world record for one mile traveled in reverse in the shortest amount of time. When all was said and done he completed a mile in a whopping 1 minute 15.8 seconds which is just absolutely ridiculous. Most cars have trouble going more than 20 or 30 miles an hour in reverse and most drivers struggle to back up 10 miles an hour without hitting something, or someone. Of course, as he himself has proven greatly, Scot is far from your ordinary grocery getting soccer mom or stop light racer. Essentially Scot was able to pull off an average of around 54 miles an hour the whole way which is completely baffling when you consider the sort of control and concentration you must have driving the complete opposite direction your car is made to go. Overall, an incredible feat of human ingenuity and our ability to do some of the craziest and downright weird things that might seem impossible. So all that's left to be said on this subject is, congratulations Scott Burner for setting the new world record for the fastest mile in reverse (*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!*)—Assorted sources







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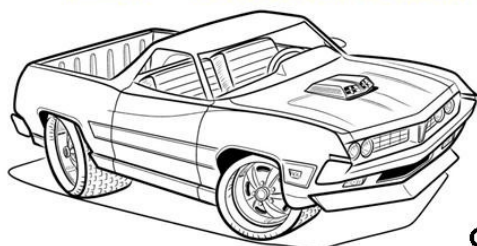


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## VFTB (cont'd)

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concerting. I don't know if he ever had the ability to blink earlier in life or if his incessant staring was a result of baking brain cells during certain "experimentations" he performed with a variety of not-so-legal chemical substances. Okay, he was a stereotypical burnout.

Anyway, as part of a plea deal to minimize his sentence, John agreed to sell the car he had been operating that fateful night—a white with orange trim, 302-powered Ford Maverick Grabber with a four-speed transmission. It even had the coveted Grabber hood with twin air intake scoops.

The lead guitar player and I did a lot of pointing and laughing at John the night that he told us about having to sell the car. That's what buddies are for, right? Deriding and humiliating each other when we screw up royally, right? At least that's how it was with us in those days.

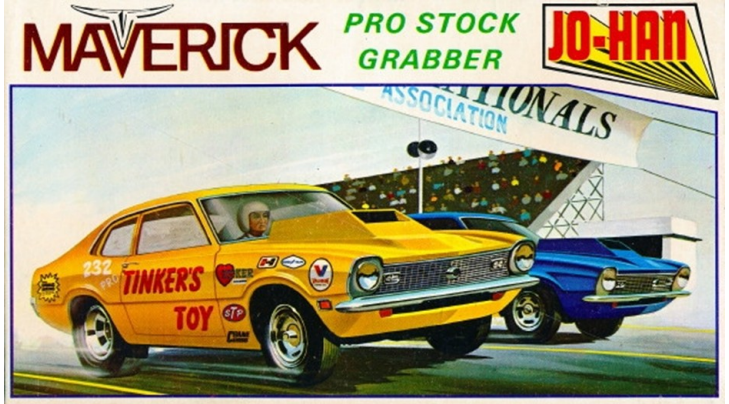
The next day when my sides stopped hurting from the previous night's laughter, I told my friend

Jimmy about John's situation. We quickly realized that we had enough money between us to buy John's Maverick and race it at Capitol Raceway in Crofton, MD.

We knew the car was pretty fast to begin with, it already had slotted aluminum wheels with a nice, little rake and it wouldn't take much time, effort, or money to start competing in bracket competition. So we bought it.

We took "The Mav"—as Jimmy dubbed it—to the sheet metal fabrication shop that Jimmy's dad owned in Annapolis and stored it in the parking lot. That way we could work on it evenings and weekends and have full access to all the shop's facilities. It was a great plan.

I don't think we owned it for an entire week before someone with significantly more financial resources than we had spotted it and made us an offer we couldn't



we had nothing to complain about.

I don't recall when I got the Jo-Han Maverick Pro Stock Grabber kit that caused me to think about The Mav. It might have been part of a collection I bought from Richard Lord in the mid-90's. Back in the 80's Richard founded the "Lost in the 50s" car club that cruises in Glen Burnie on Saturday nights. I bought his model collection when he was moving his stuff out of a shop he'd been renting and decided it was easier to sell his kits than move them.

Somewhere along the line I also acquired a body from a built Maverick funny car kit which, oddly, had a separate stock hood with underside details. I also obtained parts of a badly mangled promo. I salvaged the stock hood from the funny car body and the stock bench and rear seats from the promo. Those parts will work perfectly with the kit to make a nice stock, street, or maybe Pro Touring version—I haven't decided yet which direction to go.

When I first collected these parts long ago, I was clearly thinking of building it as a stock vehicle. I had taken a mold of a stock Ford Motor Company wheel cover and made several resin copies. Really, the only thing left is to

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## Gov't (cont'd)

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owner who *had their warranty voided after refinancing*. Here's the full story.

**GM Authority** was recently in contact with a customer who purchased a new '23 Cadillac Escalade-V in September '22, financing it through GM Financial. A few months later, in January '23, the customer refinanced the vehicle at a lower interest rate elsewhere. No title transfer took place.

Sometime thereafter, the customer began having issues, headlined by a "Service 4WD" message on the instrument panel and a related loss of power. After bringing their Escalade-V into the dealer to address the issue(s), the customer was informed some of the vehicle's components required reprogramming. However, upon taking the vehicle in, the dealer advised the customer that the vehicle had a warranty block on it.

Before going any further, it bears mentioning that the Escalade-V is one of several high-demand vehicles that currently carry a *time-specific ownership requirement in order to retain the warranty*. Like the '23 Z06 and Hummer EV, Escalade-V *owners must own their vehicle for at least six months before selling it in order to retain the warranty*.

'GMC' put this stipulation in place in order to prevent bad actors from quickly reselling the vehicle for a large profit, a practice known as "flipping." However, in the case of the reader in this story, no ownership transfer took place, since the model was solely refi-

nanced.

The dealer that took in the reader's Cadillac Escalade-V has since reached out to 'GMC'/Cadillac for guidance. The customer says they have been chasing the dealer who, in turn, has been chasing 'GMC', but the end result is so far the same. According to the dealer, 'GMC's system says this particular vehicle's warranty is blocked due to non-retention.

**UPDATE:** 'GMC' eventually unblocked the owner's warranty and made repairs. It took 10 days, start to finish.

Making it quick and easy to recharge a drained battery is paramount in the switch to all-electric vehicles. Unfortunately for one *Chevy Bolt EV* driver, their car was *totaled* after attempting to charge back up at an *Electrify America* station in Florida.

In a recent post to Chevy Bolt EV forum [chevybolt.org](https://chevybolt.org), a user states that they plugged their recently purchased '17 Bolt EV into an Electrify America station in Chipley, FL late last month. The user states that, at the time, their vehicle was at a 28-percent charge level. However, about 15 minutes later, the charger "went completely black," while the car read 4-percent charge and wouldn't shift out of park.

Apparently, the charging station itself was sparking and smoking while the Bolt EV was plugged in. After attempting to



plug into another nearby charger, the owner says their vehicle would not take a charge and was "completely bricked." After talking to Electrify America, the owner was told to tow their vehicle to a Chevy dealer and send them an email on what the technicians had to say.

Later, in a follow-up post to Twitter states that the dealer came back with the news that the "car is completely fried" as a result of excess electricity from the Electrify America charger. The damages amount to **\$20,000**, and the owner's insurance has elected to total the vehicle.

For now, 'GMC' says it won't cover the damages as the car is out of warranty, while Electrify America appears to be investigating. At this point, it's still unclear what happened and who's at fault, not to mention who will end up paying for the damages.

Nevertheless, the situation is similar to what happened to a **F-150 Lightning** owner who recently had his vehicle bricked after plugging into an Electrify America station in Oregon.

'GMC'—standard of the world...**NOT**—Assorted sources



## C8 (cont'd)

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alloy wheels, available in four finishes. Body-color accents and carbon flash badging are also standard, while black exhaust tips and bright badging, an Electric Blue body-length stripe package and carbon fiber ground effects are also available on the options list. In addition, buyers can upgrade to carbon fiber wheels in one of three finishes.

There are new paint color choices as well. The E-Ray introduces Riptide Blue, Seawolf Gray and Cacti, which should be offered on other '24 C8 variants as well. As with the '23 Corvette, there will be a total of 14 color choices for the '24 model year.

The E-Ray debuts a new interior color as well, called Artemis Dipped, featuring deep green hues. According to 'GMC', it will only be available on the '24 C8.

The '24 C8 E-Ray will go on sale in late '23, and will be built alongside the Stingray and Z06 variants. 1LZ, 2LZ and 3LZ trim levels will be available in both body styles, with pricing that starts at **\$104,295** for the coupe and **\$111,295** for the convertible.

Next up, we have an update on last month's column where a **'23 Z06's engine simply let go with a whopping 52 miles** showing on the odometer. The one, by the way, where the buyer paid a whopping **\$50,000 OVER sticker**, he wanted it so badly.

Returning the car to as near-new condition as possible will take some time as well, as according to the owner, the parts to do so

are not immediately available. Unsurprising, given the ongoing supply shortages and huge demand for the new mid-engine Z06. That said, it was estimated that fixing the original car would take just two months, as compared to the **SIX** required to take delivery of a new build allocation, so at least there's that.

In addition to fixing his new car, the owner is also set to receive a discount on the vehicle, as well as a free 100,000-mile bumper-to-bumper extended warranty. According to the video, the owner managed to negotiate a larger discount than what was originally offered.

Traffic laws apply to everyone—even the extremely wealthy. That includes **billionaire Larry Ellison**, who recently got ticketed while driving a C8 on the Hawaiian island of Lanai.

Per a recent report from **Hawaii News Now (HNN)**, Ellison was stopped on Manele Road around 6:30 PM local time late last year. Body cam footage shows Ellison in a C8 Stingray convertible painted in what appears to be Amplify Orange Tint-coat paint.

His face is blurred out as the Maui County police officer approaches the vehicle from the passenger's side. The officer informs Ellison that he was pulled over for running a stop sign and speeding.

Ellison responds that he was on his way home for dinner with his kids, but adds "there's no ex-



cuse. There's no good excuse."

After the officer requests his license and registration, Ellison looks around for a few minutes before telling the officer he doesn't have his driver's license on him. The report stated that Ellison didn't challenge the citation.

Ellison is co-founder, executive chairman, CTO, and former CEO at Oracle Corporation, one of the biggest software companies in the world. Just recently, the Bloomberg Billionaires Index listed Ellison as the seventh-wealthiest person in the world, estimated at **\$98.6 billion**.

In 2012, it was announced that Ellison signed an agreement with Castle and Cooke company, owned by David H. Murdock, to buy most of the island of Lanai, the sixth-largest Hawaiian island. The purchase gave Ellison a 98-percent ownership of the island. In 2020, Ellison left California to live in Lanai.

Per the HNN report, Ellison's company was recently accused of using a gate to block local access to Hulopo'e Beach Park near his Four Seasons resort.

In only a few short years, this car has reached a financial strata putting it out of reach for a substantial number of people lust after one. Give me a good 'ol muscledar any day of the week—  
*Assorted sources 🍷*

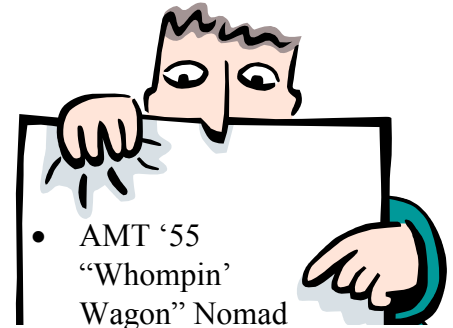
## New Stuff!

**Chevy 1500 & 3500 pickup trucks (1/25th scale):** The old body style Chevy trucks are coming to AMT this year! Pictured here is the first test shot of the Chevy 1500 short bed **AND** a 3D prototype for the 3500 dually. Using the original AMT promos as starting points, we've replicated these highly-requested trucks with added accuracy. The 1500 kit in-

cludes new features like multiple wheel and side-view mirror options with separate mirror chrome. The headlights on both kits include separate clear lenses as well. Releasing as paint-and-glue curb-side-style kits, we have also developed a removable lower engine plate and separate hood for kit-bashers who want to add engines. Look for the 1500 to hit shelves first in Q2 2023, and the 3500 to follow several months after—*Assorted sources* 🛒



## Ron's Rant

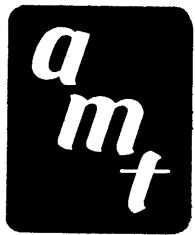


- AMT '55 "Whompin' Wagon" Nomad
- Revell '85 Z28 Camaro (1/24th)
- Salvinos' '22 J. Logano Mustang (1/24th)
- Salvinos' '22 A. Cin-dric Mustang (1/24th)

(1/25th, unless noted)



charged engine and interior, stock aluminum snowflake wheels **AND** custom spoke wheels, T-top roof with removable clear panels, Goodyear tires and more. Wrapped up nicely in all-new packaging that really pops! Look for the 280ZX Turbo to hit shelves first in Q2 2023—*Assorted sources* 🛒



**'81 Datsun 280ZX Turbo (1/25th scale):** AMT's '81 Datsun 280 ZX Turbo is a cool ride for

classic import builders! The kit returns with new box-art hand-painted by artist Brad Leisire.



Fully paintable, this kit includes an expanded water-slide decal sheet with colorful options, detailed exterior badging and dashboard gauges. Build it up right with these authentic features: detailed, turbo-





This month, we celebrate the return of the Reserved Parking area, after a three year absence!!

With all the hubbub surrounding the impending release of the re-tooled '68 GTO from AMT, I decided to trot out a few of my "rebuildables" from that point in time—a '68, and a '69.

The other Pontiac displayed was the result of a discussion with MAMA member Chris Whalley at the York toy show last December.

He asked about a wild schoolbus yellow pontoon-

fendered Firebird. I responded, that it sounded like the "War Eagle." He excitedly replied that was it! End of conversation. Or so I thought.

At our December meeting, club member Norman Veber delivered a box from Chris Whalley—the "War Eagle" Firebird! Imagine my surprise! **Thanks, Chris!**

This craze goes back to the 80s when

wide-bodies and café racers were all the rage.

Let's keep bringin' 'em and showin' 'em—virtually! **'PoP'** (Pontiacs on Parade!) **Sickle** signin' off! And don't forget—MAMA may not need all these Ponchos, but I'm diggin' 'em—thanks!!—Tim 🍷



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**MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!**

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decide what style to build it in and select an appropriate engine/wheel/tire combination.

Shown on the left are the remains of the damaged promo and funny car body sporting the primed promo hood and stripped grille. On the right is the good kit body with the funny car's hood and promo seats. In front are several bare resin cast Ford Motor Company wheel covers and the molds that produced them. 🚗

## Websites

**Central PA Model Car Club:**

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

**LIARS Model Car Club:**

<https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilder.com/>

**Philly Area Car Modelers:**

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

**NNL East:**

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

**Carlisle Events:**

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

**East Coast Indoor Nationals:**

<https://motoramaproductions.com/east-coast-indoor-nats>

**Online Event Calendar:**

[www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com](http://www.NortheastWheelsEvents.com)

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## Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** Thinning my collection, **NOT** quitting. I will entertain reasonable offers. Contact me for a list at [karrazy@yahoo.com](mailto:karrazy@yahoo.com) (Frank Knapik)

**FOR SALE:** Downsizing/relocating, model and magazine collections available. Possibility of a visit to monthly MAMA meetings before relocation in Spring. Contact him for a list at [pxellis@verizon.net](mailto:pxellis@verizon.net) (Paul Ellis)

**FOR SALE:** \$15.00 each, all new, still shrink-wrapped  
AMT Rides Magazine '40 Ford Woodie

AMT '51 Bel Air convertible

AMT '53 Ford F-100 pickup

AMT '57 Chrysler 300-C

AMT '58 Plymouth Belvedere

AMT '62 Thunderbird

AMT "USA-1" '63 Corvette

AMT '65 2+2 Catalina

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Z28 Camaro

AMT '70 1/2 Z28 Camaro

AMT '75 Gremlin X

AMT '90 Corvette

AMT '95 Stealth R/T Turbo

AMT Stealth Indy 500 Pace car

AMT VW Scirocco

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Lindberg '31 Bugatti Royale Victoria

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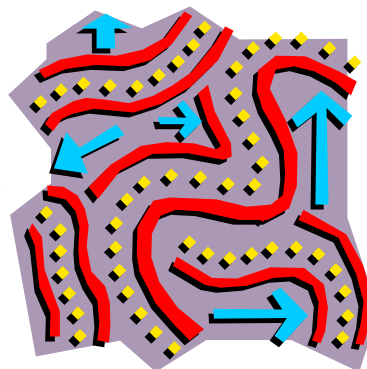


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