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2025 MAMA Schedule

We meet in our new location, the Salaried Employees Association (SEA) Union Hall, 1300 Hanover Road, Hanover, MD 21076, on the schedule listed below, from 10 am to 2 pm:

- √ January 18th
- ♠ February 15th
- March 15th
- April 19th
- ✓ May—No Meeting!
- June 21st
- July 19th
- AMAugust 16th
- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- ♠ December 20th (10-3!)

Hope to see you there 🚍

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"Serving Delmarva Car Modelers for 36 Years!"



Dog Days of Summer—and Mecum!

The meeting started with Prez Tim P speaking in memory of Bill Coulter.

There will be a new monthly activity. Kevin Kovach will select a model from the display table for recognition. He will ask the builder to describe the model and how it came about. This moth it was the Grave Digger kit bash/scratch build by Brian Beatty. The model is not the actual kit. He could not find it, so he kitbashed the '39 Chevy Sedan Delivery and '90s Chevy pickup kits with a lot of scratch building achieve the model displayed. Of course, he found a Grave Digger kit for sale at the July meeting!

Ron Shirey informed us about upcoming releases—Thanks, Ron!

The "Pontiac Garage" was obviously MIA, as Nick and I were "playing it up" at the *Me*cum Harrisburg auction.

raffle raised The **\$113.00**, while the door added **\$168.00**. Paid the

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Condolences

Sadly, I am told that MAMA friend and fel-**COMA** member low (Chesapeake & Ohio Modeling Alliance) Bill **Coulter** has passed away. The following comes fellow from **COMA** member and master modeler Randy Derr: "Sadly, on July 15th, our hobby lost a great participant: Bill Coulter. Bill was part of the group that hosted a bunch of us each year for the annual Chesapeake and Ohio Modelers Association

(COMA) meeting in Dayton the night before each Toledo NNL Maumee. Cars, auto racing, and models were Bill's passion. He was a "walking encyclopedia" of fullsize and scale automotive facts and history and wrote many, many articles on vintage cars, stock car racing, and model cars for various racing and model cars magazines. He authored books on those same subjects and founded his own model car magazine.

Auto Trends in Scale (ATS) to provide model car enthusiasts, builders, and collectors with a selection of fresh and stimulating articles. Behind the scenes, he occasionally provided assistance to some of the model kit makers, facilitating deals with famed NASCAR legends. Bill's Obituary can be viewed h t t p s : / / www.newcomerdayton.c om/obituaries/robert-billcoulter"

Japanese media recently reported that the chairman of the Tamiya

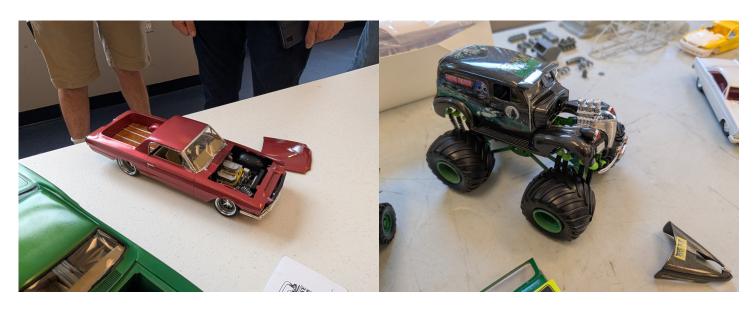
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C8 Watch

The highly anticipated '25 C8 ZR1 is finally arriving in Chevy dealerships across North America. Predictably, the earliest models coming to showrooms are coming with significant dealer markups. The C8 ZR1 is already an expensive supercar, and the privilege of being one of the first to own one is coming at an even greater price at many dealerships.

Sales associate Eric Magana of Camino Real Chevrolet in Monterey, California made a post in the "Corvette C8 Z06, ZR1 & E-Ray" Facebook group showing a ZR1 that's in transit to the dealer He lists an MSRP of \$206,080, plus an additional dealer markup of an even \$100k. Magana posted other available ZR1 allocations with \$50k markups.

The ZR1 with the six-digit markup is a 3LZ coupe finished in Competition Yellow Tintcoat Metallic. Some customization options include yellow brake calipers, yellow interior stitching, vellow seatbelts, Carbon Flash exterior trim, and Dark Stealth exterior badges.

Horror stories of C8 ZR1 markups are quickly accumulating on social media. For example, a user named Vast-Trucking made above post the on the

r/C8Corvette subreddit about his journey trying to get a ZR1 in the Midwest. He claims he contacted every Chevy dealer in a 300-mile ra-

dius of Chicago, and only one of them agreed to put him on the list for a ZR1 with no markup. He says the biggest markup he's encountered is \$150k over sticker.

Unfortunately, supercar shoppers can expect the markup problem to continue on the '25 C8 ZR1 since it has a limited production run for its debut model year. However, unlike the C7 ZR1, the C8 ZR1 will be produced for longer than one model year. The '26 model has already been announced, and there's still more life left in the C8 generation since it just got an interior refresh.

Speaking of paying over sticker, '25 Corvette ZR1 VIN 001 is currently on display at *Rick* Hendrick City Chevrolet in North Carolina. Hendrick paid a cool \$3.7 MIL for the first C8 ZR1 at a Barrett-Jackson auction, with the full hammer price donated to the Red Cross. The rest of us don't have to worry about paying quite that much for a ZR1, but beware of massive markups and consider waiting for the '26 model to save

> a hundred grand or two.

Corvette enthusiasts who think the ZR1X is the peak of to the mid-



engine C8 platform may be in for a surprise.

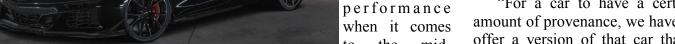
Per a recent report from Top Gear, comments made by Corvette chief engineer Tony Roma hint at something even more astounding on the way. During an interview, Roma highlighted the "super capable" C8 platform, but stated that "the ZR1X is not the end of the story, it's just the latest chapter."

"The team that works on it has a very 'what can we do, and how can we do it?' Attitude," Roma said. "They see possibilities and not challenges."

Of course, it's going to take a pretty big opportunity to top the new C8 ZR1X. With the twinturbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7 gasoline engine behind the cabin and an electric motor up front, the ZR1X makes 1,250 horsepower and scrambles to 60 mph in less than two seconds, sprinting down the quarter mile in less than 9 seconds at more than 150 mph.

Top speed testing for the ZR1X is still pending. While Roma believes it could approach the ZR1's 233-mph top speed, he emphasized that these numbers are primarily for bragging rights, given the extreme lengths required to actually hit 233 mph legally and safely.

"For a car to have a certain amount of provenance, we have to offer a version of that car that's



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'GMC' has issued product recalls for the following vehicles:

A total of 53 2025-26 Cadillac Lyriqs (27) and Vistiqs (26) to address a safety issue with an improperly secured battery pack. The bolts attaching the battery pack to the interior floor may be missing or loose following improper battery reinstallation following inplant repairs performed by a third-party vendor.

This issue stems from improper battery replacement by a third-party vendor in affected Cadillac EVs. Bolts used to secure the battery to the interior floor may be loose or missing.

An improperly secured battery may be more susceptible to damage in a crash, potentially increasing the risk of shorting and fire.

A dealer originally identified the problem during a predelivery inspection of a '26 Cadillac Vistiq, in which all 12 bolts securing the battery pack to the crossover were loose. 'GMC' identified the other models that may be affected, having undergone the same battery replacement repair by the same third-party vendor.

To fix the issue, dealers will inspect the 12 bolts securing the battery pack to the interior floor to ensure they're all there and torqued to the proper specification. If any are missing, they'll be replaced; if any are loose, they'll be tightened accordingly.

Recall notifications were sent to dealers starting July 24th,

2025.

Affected owners will bereceiving gin official recall letters on September 8th. 2025. Any owners who are unsure whether or not their vehicle affected by this recall can visit mv.gm.com/ recalls and type in their VIN to see any open recalls or other ac-

'GMC' has heavily invested in electric vehicles. Over the past couple of years, it has launched everything from the Chevy Equinox EV to the

luxurious Cadillac

tions that may be

active on it

Escalade IQ to the Chevy Silverado EV truck. But 'GMC' isn't giving up on internal-combustion engines either, as it recently announced that it will be investing \$888 million in the production of a new generation of V8 engines.

The Buffalo, New York-based factory will start producing the new V8s in 2027, which likely aligns with the next-gen Chevy Silverado and GMC Sierra. 'GMC' says the engines will usher in better performance and efficiency; the new V8s will also be built at the company's Flint engine plant.

'GMC' says it expects the new engines to improve performance

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while reducing emissions and becoming more efficient. The investment in the facility follows a \$500 million investment in the Flint engine plant from 2023, which is also dedicated to the production of the sixth-gen V-8.

Hopefully, it will fare better than the 5.3 and 6.0 V8s bogged down with all the lawsuits regarding excessive oil usage and failure—Assorted sources

'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls
338 (!)
of Vehicles Affected
59.068.023

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Mecum Insanity

It is late Summer, and that can mean only one thing—the Mecum auction is here!

As always, Matt Guilfoyle, Brian Schindler, Nick, his friend Wayne and I made the trek to Harrisburg on July 25th and 26th.

As always, Nick and I "compare notes" on the machinery we are able to drive.

I was fortunate to have driven the following across the block: '88 T-Bird Turbo coupe (\$11,500), '67 Vette convertible (\$115K), '56 Chevy 210 (\$39,500 BGO), '67 Mustang hardtop (\$27K), '08 Shelby GT500 (\$35K BGO), '67 Camaro RS/SS (\$62K BGO), '62 T-Bird Sports Roadster (\$42K BGO), and an '88 Ford Bronco II (\$15K BGO).

Additionally, I transported a Mini Cooper, the black '64 Ford pickup pictured, and a '67 Chevy Nova (among others).

Meanwhile, Nick ushered across the block following: the '57 Chevy 210 sedan, '59 Fairlane 500 Skyliner, '72 Buick GS, '66 Vette coupe, '81 Corvette coupe, '70 Boss 302, '11 Vette Z06coupe, and a '15 Camaro ZL1

No sales figures provided.

Of note: The '67 Vette I drove lost its shift linkage upon attempting to park it after it sold. No one seemed to want to drive the '15 ZL1 that Nick drove, so he was forced to drive it (his first, and likely last new-gen Camaro!). The '62 T-Bird I drove needed to be closed up upon reaching the door to exit the building, it was raining! Everything worked (all electric—top and windows). The picture at



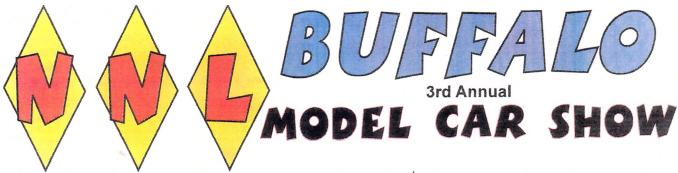
the top of the page is of a *TANK-engined thingamajig*, that I believe actually sold—very loud, and reasonably cheap, too!

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9:00 AM - Model Show Registrations
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Vendors Open

11:00AM- Model Registration Closes Snack Bar Opens for Lunch Voting Opens

2:00 PM - Voting Closes 3:30 PM - Snack Bar Closes Award Ceremony

4:30 PM - Show Closes

Model Registration Fees:

Adults - \$15.00 Unlimited Entries includes General Admission Juniors - (16 and Under) FREE

Awards by Popular VOTE General Admission Fees:

Adult Spectator \$5.00 Pre-Sale \$7.00 at the Door

Junior Spectator (16 and Under) FREE

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA IPMS PRESENTS

SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 9:00AM TO 4:30PM Eisenhower Campus Center, Messiah University One College Avenue, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Show theme: The last officially produced model of a manufactured product. Does not include post production modifications. Extinct flora and fauna are included.



Contest fee (up to 3 entries):

Adult \$15.00 (additional entries \$1.00 each) Junior (16 & under) \$5.00

Walk-in and Display only:

Individuals \$7.00 Families \$10.00

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Late last month, a 20-year-old Florida man has been arrested and had his Dodge Challenger impounded after he was allegedly caught going 155 miles per hour on his way to a friend's house. According to a report by Fox 35 Orlando, the man told police that he thought he was only going about 80 mph. Octavius Hunt was reportedly driving his car with three friends inside on Interstate 4 in Seminole County, Florida around 1 a.m on Sunday, July 20. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) was conducting radar enforcement at the time, however, and authorities say they clocked the car going 95 mph over the posted speed limit. FHP pulled Hunt over and arrested him and impounded his car. FHP Orlando posted on social



media about the incident: "The 20-year-old driver was arrested. He had 3 passengers, and his car was impounded for 30 days. Putting lives at risk to impress others

is dangerous and criminal."

Hunt may not have been aware of this at the time he was allegedly speeding, but the state of Florida enacted a new Super Speeder law effective July 1. This new law targets drivers that are going over 100 mph or exceeding the posted speed limit by more than 50 mph; Hunt was reportedly doing both in this case. The first conviction of such an offense is punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a \$500 fine. A second conviction ups the penalties to 90 days in jail and a \$1000 fine. It is not known at this time if Hunt has any prior violations. FHP spokesperson Tara Crescenzi told Fox 35 Orlando, "It is so dangerous to be driving that fast—not only because of the new



law change and potentially facing jail time, but also the consequences of if you were involved in a crash." (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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capable of doing those silly numbers," Roma said. "The ZR1's top speed attempt was not in expectation that our customers would ever repeat it, or even get remotely close, because you can't legally do that"

Looking ahead, Roma also noted that the Nürburgring remains a key battleground for the Corvette team. At 6:52.072, the

Ford Mustang GTD currently holds the lap record for fastest American car at the infamous 'Ring, a title that Chevy seems keen to grab for itself.

"We've done some testing, and all I can say is – stay tuned," Roma said in regard to a Nürburgring record attempt. "We want to be the fastest American car – that's an accolade we'd love to have. Again, it comes down to theory. None of our customers will go and run a sub-sevenminute lap time, but they want to

know if they could."

Indeed, it looks as though the classic Chevy versus Ford rivalry is alive and well. During this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed in the U.K., Ford made a jab by revving the Mustang GTD next to the C8 E-Ray during Chevy's presentation.

It remains to be seen exactly how Chevrolet will improve upon the C8 formula, but one possibility may be a new Zora variant, as GM Authority has covered in the past—Assorted sources

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Ron's Rant



- AMT '49 Merc coupe
- AMT '57 Vette S/M
- AMT '69 Riviera
- AMT '72 Jeepster Commando
- AMT '96 Z28 convertible
- AMT '97 Mustang Cobra
- AMT '99 S10 Xtreme pickup
- AMT Lil Roman Chariot
- AMT Scorpion Mid-Engine drag coupe
- Revell '64 GTO hard-top
- Revell '86 Fiero GT
- Revell '91 S10 Lowrider pickup
- Salvinos JR '74 R. Petty Charger
- Salvinos JR '84 J. Johnson Monte Carlos (1/24th)
- Salvinos JR Catalano Motorsports Modified
- Salvinos JR Skowyra
 Motorsport Modified

(1/25th, unless noted)





Last month's parking lot was MIA, due to the fact that Nick and I were on the road—again, this time at the Mecum Harrisburg auction.

It will hopefully have been covered in a bit more detail elsewhere, but here are a few examples of Poncho Power that were in attendance.

Here's hoping that you all will

keep bringin' and showin' e m! '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*



off! And don't The GTOAA Concours Gold Judge on the right sold for forget—MAMA \$125,000, while its' "sister" Judge bid to \$120,000





This stunning Tri-Power convertible sold for a bit under \$100,000, "shoed" by MAMA's Boy Matt Guilfoyle



This '56 was a nut and bolt restoration that sold for an amazingly low \$22,000



Meanwhile, this '63 Grand Prix sold for \$30,000



Unknown what this triple black '70 sold for

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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!



August Theme

The theme for this month will be "GM Muscle." I guess that means Vega GTs (?!), Camaros, Buick GS's, GTOs, Impala SS's and the like would be fair game. So, all you GM guys (Duane Hinton!), dig up finished examples, or finish those bench projects for display at the August meeting, okay? As always, thanks to the MAMA Presidential Monthly Theme selection sub-committee, including Don Sutherland, Lyle Willits, and Dino Lewis—Tim

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

https://www.cpmcc.org

LIARS Model Car Club:

https://www.liarsmodelcarbuilders.com/

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

Condolences (cont'd) Intro (cont'd)

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Corporation, Tamiya Shunsaku, passed away on the at the age of 90.

He served as president from 1977 until 2024 (once handed over the position to his son-in-law Tanaka Masayuki in 2008). However, after Masayuki passed away due to illness in 2017, Tamiya Shunsaku returned to serve as president, until 2024 handed over the position to his 37-year-old grandson-in-law, Tamiya Nobuo.

Let us give our deepest respects to this hero who dedicated his life to the hobby of plastic models.

Godspeed, gentlemen, and thank you for your contributions to the hobby—Assorted sources

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rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: Bill Booz, Steve M. Buter, Gordon Chin, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Dave Matiko, Rich Meany, George Openhym, Mark Parkhurst, Ron Shirey, Chris Whalley, Lyle Willits, and last but certainly not least, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman). Thanks guys—we 'preciate it—Tim

Classifieds

WANTED: Unbuilt/rebuildable Pontiacs (any scale?)—Tempests, GTOs, Catalinas, Venturas, Bonnevilles, Grand Prixs, and Firebirds, Also interested in a Red Baron, and empty Pontiac kit boxes and instructions. Contact me at gtoguy@verizon.net, or see me at a meeting. Thanks! (Tim Sickle)

We're on the web! http://www.mamasboyz.org/



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Top 10 Sellers *

- 1. '92 Porsche 911 Turbo, \$286,000
- 2. '69 Hemi Charger R/T, \$176,000
- 3. '68 Shelby GT350, \$165,000
- 4. '73 Bronco, \$151,250

- 5. '63 Split window Vette, \$151.250
- 6. '69 Z28 Camaro, \$148,500
- 7. '55 Vette, \$148,500
- 8. '15 Viper GT Coupe, \$148,500
- 9. '70 Hemi Cuda—\$148,500
- 10. '23 Challenger SRT Demon 170, \$137,500

A bit tense at times, but a good time was had by all—*Tim*

* To the best of my recollection!

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