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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
- 🔊 August 16th
- 🔊 September 20th
- 🔊 October 18th
- 🔊 November 15th
- 🔊 December 20th (10-3!)

Hope to see you there 🚗

Merry Christmas, MAMA!

Please be sure to thank **Matt Guilfoyle** for the cookies and sodas, and **Dave Toups** and **Ron Shirey** for the Munchkins and cupcakes respectively.

I want to thank everyone who helped to produce such a sizable donation for our annual Toys For Tots donation campaign! I'm quite sure that

the employees at the drop location appreciated being 'dumped on,' but the young recipients will appreciate it much more!

Ron Shirey did his usual excellent work on what to expect with regard to upcoming releases.

The **"Pontiac Garage"** was onsite as usual.

The raffle raised **\$154.00**, while the door added **\$258.00 (!)**. Paid the rent again—and then some! Thanks to the following donors: **Brad, Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Leonard Harrod, Sean Kirby, Mark Mason, Rich Meany, George Openhym, Mark Park-**

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Condolences

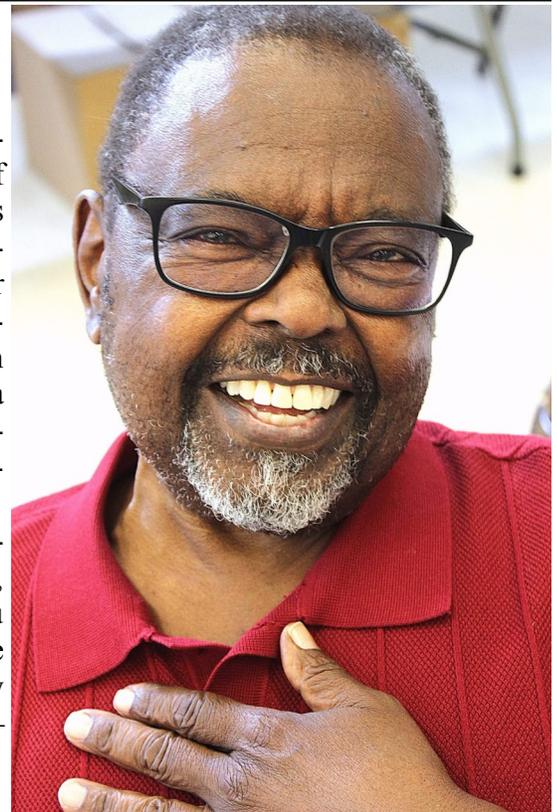
It is my sad duty to inform those of you who have not already heard that long-time (20 years!) **MAMA member Steve Autry** passed away on November 14th.

In addition to his love of MAMA, Steve also had a love for Jazz, Fusion and Funk music, along with a passion for classic cars, especially his 1966 VW Beetle.



A Celebration of his life was held on November 29th, in Baltimore. I'm told it was a very moving ceremony.

Godspeed, Steve. You will be sorely missed—
Tim 🚗



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MAMA Meeting



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MAMA Meeting



Toys 4 Tots Goodies!



Theme Table



M.O.M*



The November honoree for this “official un-

official” award is **MAMA’s Boy George Openhym**.

George started out with the AMT Dyno Don S/S ‘61 Impala SS kit.

Aftermarket items include:

- ◆ 3D-printed Torque Thrust wheels with BFG Radial T/A tires from Mean Machine Models
- ◆ 3D-printed Carter AFB carbs and distributor from MCV Products
- ◆ Spark plug wires and looms from Detail Master

He used ScaleFinishes paint on the body, air-brushing the main body with Lux Blue Pearl over a black base, the trim with Silver White Pearl, and cleared it with Honey gloss. It was then polished and waxed with Meguiars’ products.

The interior was done in Tamiya and Mr. Color lacquer, with flocking by ScaleFinishes.

The wheel spokes were done in a 50-50 mix of Tamiya metallic gray and gloss aluminum, the rims in Fusion Firm Chrome, and tires in Tamiya Rubber Black.

Kudos, George—Tim 🏆



** (Model Of the Month!)*

‘GMC’ has issued product recalls for the following vehicles:

- ◆ An **unknown number** of **2014 Chevy Cruzes** for a defect specific to the Roof Rail Airbag (RRAB) inflators, which are mounted in the roof rails above the headliner. These inflators may contain a manufacturing defect that could cause a rupture at the inflator’s weld joint. If the inflator ruptures, compressed gas may escape, leading to partial or unintended airbag deployment. In severe cases, fragments from the inflator could enter or exit the vehicle cabin, creating a risk of injury to occupants or anyone nearby.
- ◆ In all cases, ‘GMC’ dealers are instructed to replace the suspect RRAB modules free of charge. Repairs will involve replacing the affected left and/or right roof rail airbags (*each of the three recalls is specific to different inflator modules*).

CarComplaints reports a new class-action lawsuit accuses ‘GMC’ of conducting a fuel pump recall that failed to fix the underlying danger in thousands of **Chevy Equinox** and **GMC Terrain** crossovers. The legal action claims ‘GMC’ simply replaced the



faulty parts with identical, equally defective parts, leaving owners in a perpetual cycle of breakdowns and repair bills.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of owners of 2020-24 models, alleges that ‘GMC’ was aware of the defective AC Delco fuel pumps before the vehicles were ever delivered to customers. Instead of acting, the company allegedly concealed the problem, forcing the financial burden onto consumers. Plaintiffs contend the crossovers suffer from a critical flaw where the fuel pump module fails to consistently supply the engine with fuel, leading to stalling and a significant safety risk.

The court documents tell a story of repeated frustration. Florida residents Greg and Twila Kerr purchased a 2021 Chevy Equinox only to have it fail. A ‘GMC’ dealership reportedly told them nothing could be done “until the vehicle completely died.” The lawsuit states, “Mr. and Mrs. Kerr subsequently purchased a fuel pump module from an independent parts supplier and replaced the part themselves.”

Another plaintiff, Robert Knowles of Texas, experienced similar troubles with his new

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2023 GMC Terrain. Despite multiple dealer visits for repairs, the issues persisted. The lawsuit notes, “The dealership has confirmed that the issues were caused by the fuel pump but has not completed the repair.”

This legal challenge throws ‘GMC’s’ own 2023 recall into question. While the recall promised dealers would replace the fuel pump module “at no charge,” the lawsuit asserts this action proves meaningless if the replacement

‘GMC’ Recall Ticker
<i># of Recalls</i>
349 (!)
<i># of Vehicles Affected</i>
59,156,652

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C8 Watch



A C8 Z06 driver in Tempe, Arizona, has been arrested for attempting to evade police after pushing the mid-engine sports car over **140 mph** on public roads, more than four times the posted speed limit.

The incident was captured on the car's built-in Performance Data Recorder (*PDR*), which ultimately provided evidence of the reckless behavior.

According to a report from the local news affiliate 12 News Arizona, the footage was captured on Mille Avenue in Tempe, where the speed limit is typically around 35 mph. Police say the same driver had been reported previously for reckless driving and excessive noise.

When officers attempted a traffic stop, the driver opted to speed away, running multiple red lights, as seen in the footage. The following day, however, the same C8 Z06 was seen again, speeding and attempting to evade law enforcement. This time, however, police managed to deploy a grapple device, a specialized restraint system that immobilizes a vehicle by snagging its rear wheel, bring-

ing the sports car safely to a stop. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged with felony flight. The C8 was also impounded.

The Corvette PDR system is designed for track enthusiasts, integrating a 1080p forward-facing camera with GPS data and vehicle telemetry, including speed, throttle input, steering angle, and braking force. Owners can use the system to analyze lap performance or capture scenic drives. However, in this particular case, it looks like the footage will be used by police against the driver. ***Ratted out by your car!***

A C8 owner in Seattle reportedly shot several suspected car thieves recently, wounding two.

According to a report from local news affiliate KIRO7, which cites a report from the Seattle Police Department, the incident occurred around 3:30 AM near the intersection of Blanchard Avenue and 1st Avenue. The C8 owner had reportedly parked on 1st Avenue when four suspects in face masks exited a white sedan and approached the vehicle.

Two of the suspects apparently held the owner at gunpoint and tried to steal the C8, however, the owner reportedly fired multiple rounds in self-defense, striking two of the suspects.

One of the suspects was found at



the scene and taken to the hospital, while the remaining three suspects fled. A white sedan was later seen dropping off another suspect with a gunshot wound. Both of the wounded suspects are reportedly in serious condition.

Meanwhile, the C8 owner was detained for questions and subsequently released. The C8 owner is also a licensed gun owner.

It's unclear exactly which C8 Corvette model was targeted in the attempted theft, but it's believed to be the entry-level Stingray. Pricing for the 2025 C8 Corvette Stingray starts at \$69,995 for the 1LT coupe, rising to \$88,745 for the Stingray 3LT convertible.

Finally, It's beginning to look like the Corvette Grand Sport nameplate may soon return, this time dropping in with a new small block V8 behind the cabin.

As fans have no doubt noticed, the Grand Sport has been absent from the current C8 lineup since launch, but recent developments suggest that 'GMC' may be gearing up to offer a new mid-engine Grand Sport to fill the space between the C8 Stingray and C8 E-Ray.

In terms of design, this potential new C8 Grand Sport would likely borrow the same widebody treatment as the E-Ray and C8

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EV Blues

CarComplaints reports that a proposed class action lawsuit now targets ‘GMC’ and its Ultium PowerUp home charging equipment, alleging the units contain defects that render them unfit for purpose and potentially unsafe. The case, *Kriseman, et al., v. General Motors, LLC*, was filed in the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida on October 28th, 2025.

Florida plaintiffs Rick and Kerry Kriseman brought the action after purchasing a GM Ultium PowerUp charger from a Cadillac dealership in August 2024. They report experiencing problems almost immediately. The lawsuit alleges that the charger’s internal breaker trips repeatedly, resulting in the unit malfunctioning. To attempt a charge, the couple says they must reset their home’s circuit breaker, and even then, the process often requires multiple attempts. The complaint further asserts that the chargers can over-

heat dramatically during use, sometimes to the point of activating the vehicle’s alarm system.

The lawsuit includes, “All persons who purchased—in Florida and either directly from General Motors (*GM*) or from a ‘GMC’ authorized store and/or dealership—a 2022, 2023, or 2024 model year Ultium PowerUp charger.”

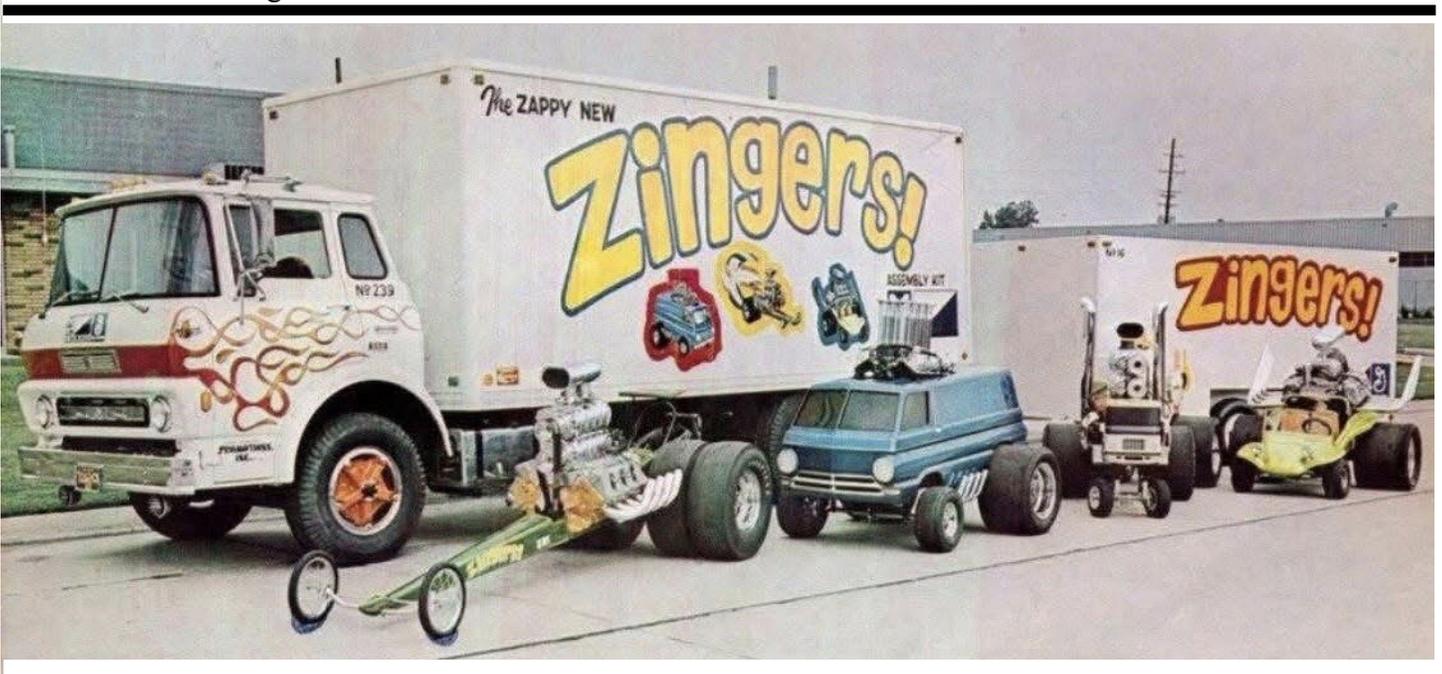
Notably, this proposed class action lawsuit seems to apply to the original PowerUp home charger, but not the newer PowerUp 2 charger. The PowerUp 2 has the same maximum charging speed of 11.5 kW as the PowerUp, but it’s a newer generation with a more compact design, including a more cleanly integrated spot to put the plug when it’s not in use.

The legal filing alleges that these chargers, sold for the 2022 through 2024 model years, were



defective from the start and could not perform the job ‘GMC’ advertised. The plaintiffs claim that ‘GMC’ knew the chargers would fail at the time it sold them to dealers and consumers. Represented by the firm Morgan & Morgan, the proposed class action currently encompasses all persons who purchased one of these chargers in Florida, either directly from ‘GMC’ or from an authorized dealership.

This lawsuit arrives as ‘GMC’ navigates a complex legal landscape. Some experts are predicting a significant rise in technology-related litigation, particularly around emerging EV technology, in the years to come—*Assorted sources* 🇺🇸



C7 (?!) Watch

Screamin' Yella C7 Totaled! A yellow C7 Corvette was completely destroyed following a high-speed police chase that ended in a violent crash in California. The incident occurred in the early morning hours of September 27th, 2025, in Jurupa Valley, located in Southern California. California Highway Patrol (CHP) initiated the pursuit on northbound I-215 near Box Springs in Riverside, where the Corvette was observed traveling at excessive speeds. The pursuit apparently reached "well over 100 miles per hour on the freeway." The chase continued onto surface streets, where the driver lost control near the intersection of Dulles Drive and Philadelphia Avenue. The Corvette reportedly ran over a set of railroad tracks and bounced before veering off the road and slamming into a tree. Images from

the scene show the devastating aftermath of the collision. The front end of the C7 Corvette is completely obliterated, with the engine bay torn apart and critical mechanical components scattered across the roadway. The front suspension and wheel assembly are seen ripped from the chassis, leaving the car resting in tatters on the pavement. The hood is heavily crumpled and the windshield is completely shattered. On the passenger's side of the vehicle, the door is missing its outer panel, revealing the internal reinforcement beams and the complex crash structure beneath the lightweight bodywork. A detached wheel and suspension arm lie a foot or two from the main wreckage, however, the rear body panels appear to be relatively intact. The video shows the driver being



transported to the hospital. Although the driver appears to be awake and conscious, the extent of their injuries are unknown. The suspect was placed in a neck brace and loaded into the ambulance under police escort. The driver is now facing charges that include felony failure to yield charges. It remains unclear whether drugs or alcohol were factors in the 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 🍷

C8 (con't'd)

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Z06, but without the added complexity of the E-Ray's hybrid powertrain. Instead, it could retain a traditional internal-combustion-only setup with 'GMC's' forthcoming Gen 6 small block V8.

As **GM Authority** reported previously, a camouflaged C8 prototype was recently spotted wearing wheels fitted with a Buick center cap, an odd detail that may actually be an intentional clue. The "Gran Sport" nameplate has deep roots in Buick's performance history, and borrowing the Tri-

Shield insignia may serve as an inside reference to the C8's own Grand Sport.

Another C8 prototype was spotted in September, drawing interest due to its widebody exterior and a set of Z06-style wheels and rectangular rear exhaust vents.

The timing of these sightings coincides with the ongoing development of the Gen 6 small block V8, currently expected to launch in the 2027 Chevy Silverado 1500 and 2027 GMC Sierra 1500 before expanding with a performance variant for the C8. **GM Authority** sources indicate that this V8 may offer both a 5.7-liter and 6.6-liter displacement, and while nothing

has been confirmed, the 6.6L version appears to be the most likely candidate for the C8, replacing the 6.2L used currently in the C8 Stingray and E-Ray. This potential C8 Corvette Grand Sport would also equip the 6.6L variant.

If it reaches production, the C8 Grand Sport would once again grab that sweet spot in the Corvette hierarchy, combining the Stingray's everyday usability with the Z06's aggressive stance and handling focus. Stay tuned.

Let's hope that this new truck engine has better build quality than the 500,000+ trucks being recalled for engine issues—Assorted sources 🍷

Coming Soon!



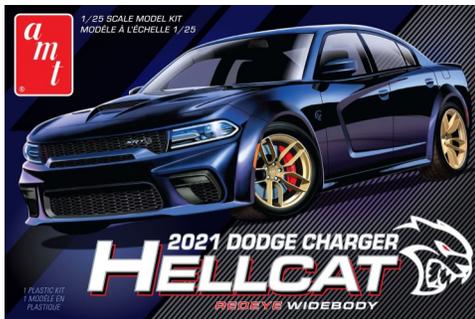
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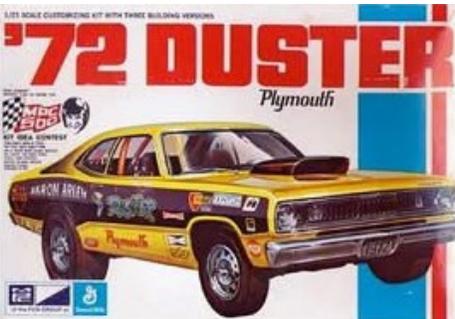


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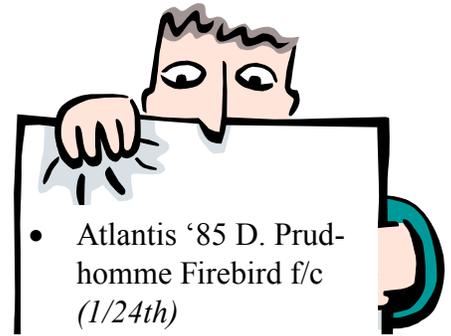


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Ron's Rant

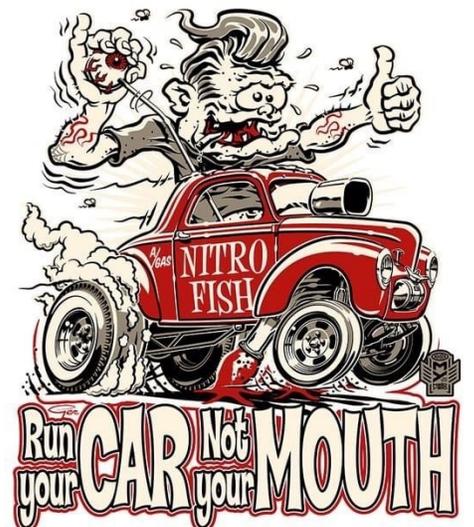


- Atlantis '85 D. Prudhomme Firebird f/c (1/24th)
 - Atlantis Red Baron Show Rod (1/24th)
 - AMT "Ohio George" '33 Willys tin
 - Salvino's '79 Ranier Racing Monte Carlo
 - Salvino's '82 Petty Grand Prix combo (1/24th)
 - Salvino's '25 R. Blaney Mustang (1/24th)
 - Salvino's '25 R. Chastain Camaro (1/24th)
- (Not much for Christmas!) 🍷*

(1/25th, unless noted)



"I don't normally take kids for rides in Santa's sleigh, but since you stayed up and caught me, I'm going to have to dump you in the ocean, Timmy."



Don Keege's **PONCHO PERFECTION**

Last month's parking lot mainly showcased the color blue.

I was responsible for bringing the **blue '62 SD Catalina** (built and presented to me by Cruz), and **blue '62 Bonneville built-up**, from a recent collection acquisition.

The '68 GTO convertible built-up was an on-the-spot purchase from MAMA's Boy Rich Meany. I envision this one in Meridian

Turquoise with a white interior when I get around to building it. It's got the important stuff, so the AMT Craftsman

Plus kit can fill in the blanks.

Here's hoping that you all will keep bringin' and showin' 'em! **'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 🍷



Not only a great color combo, but a grrreat look 😊

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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!



Dec. Theme

This month's theme will be "Mustangs." Bring whatever your fertile imaginations can conceive of (please, no "car show killers" - Ha! Ha!). So, let's all dig deep or raid your display cases, stashes or finish bench projects to display at the meeting, okay? Again, thanks to the MAMA Presidential Monthly Theme selection sub-committee, including Don Sutherland, Lyle Willits, and Dino Lewis—Tim 🍷



Intro (cont'd)

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hurst, Brian Schindler, Ken Shanks, Tim & Nick Sickle, Vinny Tufano, Lyle Willits, Ron Shirey, Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman). Thanks guys—we 'preciate it—Tim 🍷

Websites

Central PA Model Car Club:

<https://www.cpmcc.org>

LIARS Model Car Club:

<https://www.longislandautoreplica.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

Gov't (cont'd)

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parts possess the same inherent defect. Owners now face vehicles with documented, unresolved safety issues and diminished resale values, arguing 'GMC' has left them with a problem it created and now refuses to properly solve.

And the beat(down) goes on—
Assorted sources 🍷



Classifieds

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

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