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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 🍷

Happy Birthday, America!



The main focus of June’s meeting was a rehash of our annual NNL show—the good and the bad.

Thanks to Dave Toups for the donut holes, and Nick Sickle for the pretzels and mustard.

For the short-term, we are suspending M.O.M. and soliciting

feedback on continuing and/or modifying it, or moving in a different direction.

Three words for ya—Pontiac Reserved Parking. We had a first—an entry that would not fit into the parking area (*details inside*).

The raffle raised **\$74.00**, while the door added **\$120.00**. Thanks

to the following donors: **Steve M. Buter, Mike Costic, Matt Guilfoyle, Jim Maness, Rich Meany, Historic Racing Miniatures (Brad), Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman) and Ron Shirey.** Thanks guys—we ‘preciate it—**Tim** 🍷



Weather “Event” Hits GTOAA!

The trip that Nick and I had planned to the annual **GTOAA convention** from June 27th through July 1st was, sadly, short-lived.

We arrived on the 27th and set up the model car contest and Buildoff. We also got pictures of the concours GTOs in the ballroom, as well as some outdoor shots.

Things went horribly wrong at around noon on the 29th, when we heard the **Tornado alert** go off, and mere minutes later,



we were hit by a quick moving **Derecho!**

It’s 70-80 mph winds damaged four or five

cars, ripped a tent down, and snapped tree limbs and as many as a dozen

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MAMA Meeting



Raffle Goodies!



Guess EVERYBODY missed out on cookies last month ☹️

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

- ◆ **186 2017-19 Chevy Silverado HD and GMC Sierra HD pickup trucks** equipped with the 6.6L V8 turbodiesel Duramax engine and the dual fuel tank feature that may have a defect related to the rear fuel pump.

The trucks may have an issue causing the rear fuel pump to transfer inadequate fuel from the auxiliary fuel tank to the front fuel tank.

If the rear fuel pump fails to transfer adequate fuel from the auxiliary fuel tank to the front fuel tank, the truck could stall. Depending on where the stall occurs, the problem could increase the risk of a crash.

‘GMC’ has instructed dealerships to inspect trucks and replace the auxiliary fuel tank and/or auxiliary fuel tank pump module if the components are found to be damaged. The dealer service personnel are also instructed to install a new vent hose (also called the diesel auxiliary fuel tank vent line) on the recalled vehicle’s real fuel tank assembly to prevent the problem’s reoccurrence.

‘GMC’ further notifies dealers



that trucks units currently in inventory cannot be sold, delivered, traded to other dealerships, or used for demonstrations until the required fix has been applied. Delivering a vehicle without first carrying out the repair is a violation of federal law. Because of the small number of vehicles involved, the automaker recommends

- ◆ **5 2023 Cadillac Lyriqs and 1 2022 GMC Hummer EV** due to improperly welded high-voltage battery connections.

The vehicles may have been built at the factory with connections inside the high-voltage battery pack that are improperly welded or are otherwise out of position.

They may experience a loss of drive power as a result of the improperly welded connections, which could

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increase the risk of a crash. ‘GMC’ has instructed dealerships to replace the incorrectly welded high-voltage battery pack with a new high-voltage battery pack. This electrical system repair is carried out free of charge to the vehicle owner.

- ◆ **An unknown number of 2013-15 Chevy Sparks** and

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‘GMC’ Recall Ticker

of Recalls

288 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

56,937, 760

C8 Watch

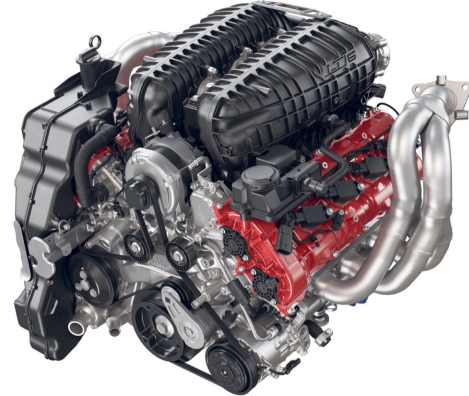
‘GMC’ unveiled the new 2023 C8 Z06 in October of 2021, ushering in the next level of performance for the eighth-gen C8 lineup. The main focus in the car is the new naturally aspirated 5.5L V8, however, some customers complain that their engine makes a loud ticking noise. Now, ‘GMC’ is issuing a fix for this issue.

According to ‘GMC’, the issue can manifest as a ticking, tapping, or snapping noise from the engine. It’s unknown at this time how many units may be affected.

‘GMC’ notes that the LT6 incorporates a mechanical valvetrain design and does not use traditional hydraulic lifters. As such, some mechanical ticking noise from the valvetrain is normal. However, the

noise could become excessive and not periodic, which may be the result of misaligned camshaft caps.

The ticking noise may be heard when the engine is idling, and could become more noticeable with the rear engine hatch open and the vehicle in Tour mode. In addition, the noise may become more audible as the engine warms up to its normal operating temperature. A ‘GMC’ tech will use a PicoScope



to verify the noise concern, both before and after the realignment procedure is performed—*Assorted sources* 🇺🇸

Gov’t (cont’d)

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2014-15 Chevy Spark EVs due to an issue related to the hood striker, which may prematurely corrode at the pivot. They may be equipped with a hood striker (secondary hood latch lever) that may prematurely corrode at the pivot. If the hood striker or secondary latch is severely corroded, it may get stuck out of position and fail to engage. In the event that the striker is stuck out of position, and the primary and secondary hood latches fail, it’s possible that the vehicles hood may open unexpectedly while driving, which could increase the risk

of a crash. ‘GMC’ is instructing dealer techs to replace the hood striker assembly and hood latch assembly. These repairs should be performed free of charge for the vehicle owner.

And, the hits just keep on comin’—*Assorted sources* 🇺🇸



Scale Lowrider!

Born out of the post-WWII prosperity and originating in California, lowriders are some of the most iconic vehicles of car culture, even today. In an effort to memorialize the spirit of lowriding, Hot Wheels recently created a 1975 Chevy Monte Carlo, and now, it will soon be up for sale (*Ed. Note: for Red Line Club members only—one per membership, and very likely sold out as you read this!*).

This scale lowrider is notable for its adjustable suspension that allows for articulation, and enables the 1/64th scale car to sit in a high or low position, and even a three-wheel position not unlike the full-scale lowriders.

Besides the radical suspension, the exterior of this Monte Carlo screams west coast culture. The body of the model is made of

Z A M A C and is covered in a Spectraflame antifreeze paint scheme that really makes it pop. In addition, the decals include pinstripes and custom patterns that run smooth along the long-flared fender and quarter panels. Out back, there's a custom license plate that reads **WESTSID** as another nod to its roots.

A few smaller details include a full metal, chrome-plate chassis, Real Riders Low Rider wheels with a white stripe tampo, light smoke-tinted windows and an Antifreeze interior.

As some context, the vehicle this Hot Wheels model



car is based on is the second gen Monte Carlo. Spanning from model years 1973-77, the Monte Carlo was offered with a wide range of engine options, including the base 305 small block up to the 454 big block. Transmission options included a three-speed manual or three-speed automatic transmission—*Assorted sources* 🍷



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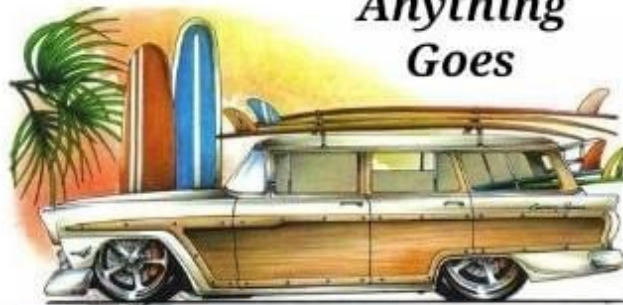


Model Contest & Vendor Show!
21 Class Trophies, PLUS Best in Show!

2023 Theme

STATION WAGONS

*Anything
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September 10th, 2023 / 9AM- 2PM
Keystone Fire Hall / 240 N Walnut St, Boyertown, PA 19512
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Food will be available on site.

For vendor info, contact Len at 610-923-7534 or
fnplastics@aol.com. For trophy sponsorships &
contest information, e-mail
centralpmcc@hotmail.com or
go to www.cpmcc.org



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September 10, 2023

Event Location Only
VFW Post
 110 Elgin Street
 Tonawanda NY 14150

Doors Open at 9:00 AM

Online Registration
www.nnlbuffalo.com

See Website for Complete Details

Online Registration Available
Vendor Contact Frank Bloanski
nnlbuffalo@gmail.com
P.O. Box 258
Getzville NY 14068
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Model Car Show

Theme **BIG Daddy Ed Roth Customs**

Sub Theme **Big Motors**

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 \$2.00 each Additional Entry
 Junior Modelers 16 and Under
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Hollywood, MD 20636

When?

7th October 2023

To Register —

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Saturday, Oct 21st, 2023

VFW Post 4809 – 5728 Bartee St -Norfolk, VA, 9am – 4pm

28 CLASSES + Theme + People's Choice + Best of Show!

\$20 Vendor Tables – Reserve Early!

\$15 UNLIMITED ENTRY FEE - 18 and under FREE!



Model Kit Raffle

Breakfast & Lunch Served

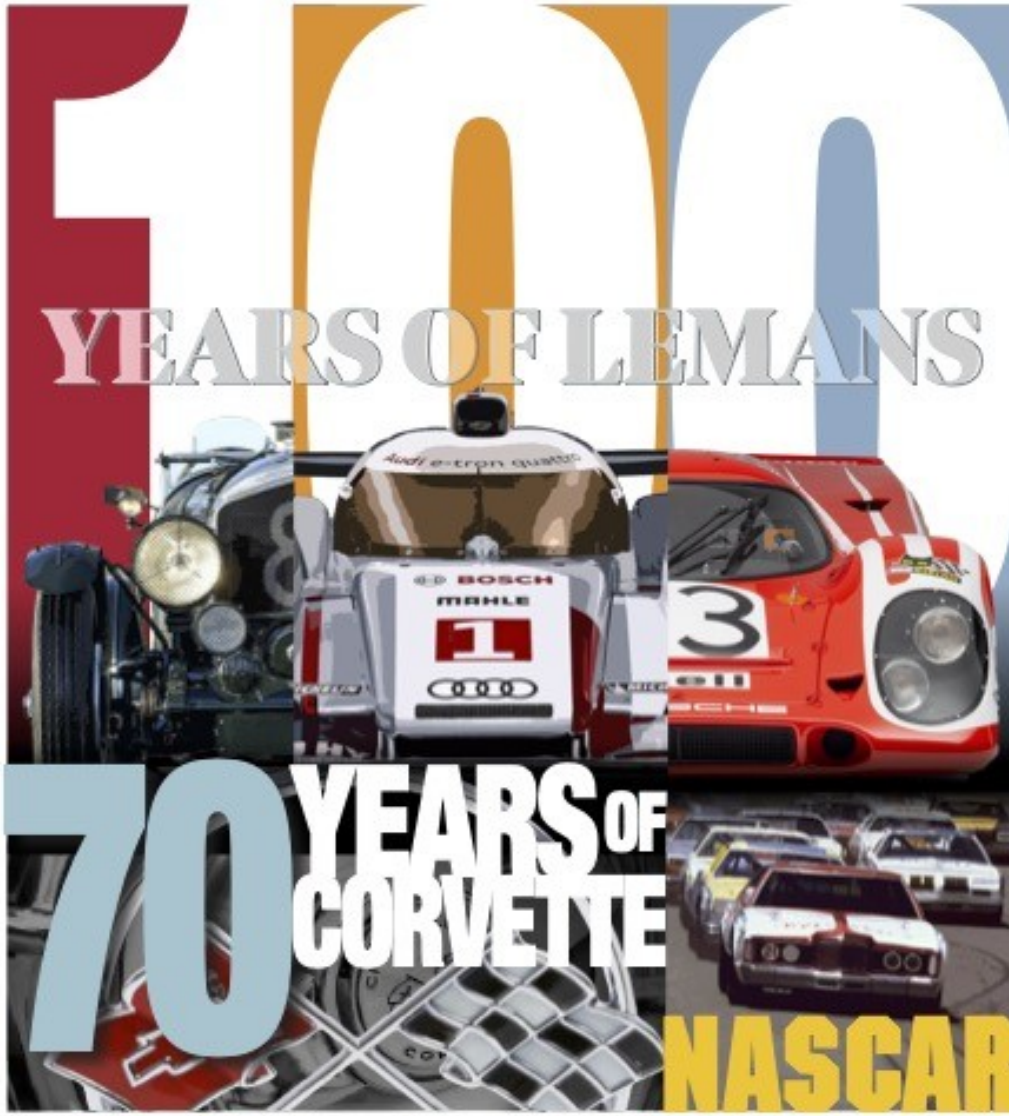
Presented by: Tidewater Automotive Modelers Society

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VENDOR INFO: Joe – akorna@aol.com

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2023 SOUTHERNS NATIONALS

OCTOBER 27-28, 2023 • 10:00AM - 4:00PM • CLARENCE BROWN CONFERENCE CENTER • CARTERSVILLE GEORGIA

- The ACME Southern Nationals is a non-judged event organized to promote fellowship among model builders. However, special awards will be presented for Best in Show, Top Ten, Best Themes, etc.*
- The Clarence Brown Convention Center is located about 40 miles northwest of Atlanta, only 1 mile off I-75. The host hotel, Courtyard Cartersville by Marriott, is adjacent to the Center.
- A "Make It-Take It" event is scheduled for children 12 and under to learn modeling skills. A FREE kit is provided (one per child per paid admission).
- We offer an "Early Bird" admission pass (\$30) which will include entry to the contest.

Entry Fee to enter models into the show: \$12 unlimited entries
 General admission: \$7 | Children under 12 free with paid adult | 6' vendor tables \$30 ea

**Previous ACME award-winning models are not eligible, models must be entirely built and painted by the entrant. Other restrictions may apply.*

VENDOR INFO:

ACME | P.O. BOX 4288 • ALPHARETTA, GA 30023-4288
 VENDORINFO@ACME-IPMS.COM

www.acme-ipms.com

On the Move...



NEW LOCATION!

Clarence Brown Convention Center
 5450 State Route 20
 Cartersville GA 30121

NEW HOST HOTEL!

Courtyard Cartersville by Marriott
 5460 Highway 20
 Cartersville GA, 30121
 Phone: 678-721-1660

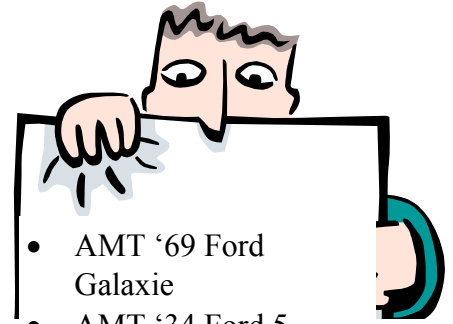


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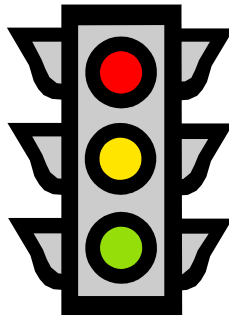
The bad...



Ron's Rant

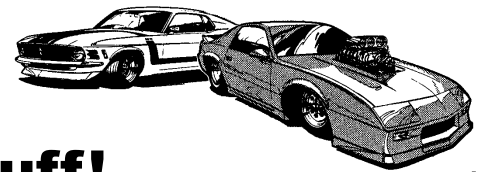


- AMT '69 Ford Galaxie
- AMT '34 Ford 5-window coupe
- AMT "Coors" Peterbilt 352 Pacemaker
- Atlantis Boss Fink
- Italeri McLaren MP42C (1/12th)
- Salvinos M. Truex Jr. '23 Camry (1/24th)
- Salvinos A. Dillon '23 Camaro (1/24th)
- Tamiya Porsche 911 GT1 (1/24th) 🏆



(1/25th, unless noted)

The good...



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This month's reserved parking, featured an uninvited, "off-scale" guest. More on that in a minute.

MAMA's Boy *Steve M. Buter* brought his '62 *Bonneville convertible* back out, with an entourage to trumpet the beginning of Summer. Good job, Steve!

Meanwhile, I proudly showcased the "major award" that was presented to me at our NNL show in May—a replica of my 1:1 '68 GTO.

The uninvited "off-scale" guest referred to earlier? Well, that would be my 1:1 '68 GTO, that was the subject of this project. I was hoping to showcase just how correct builder Marcos Cruz was able to make his replica without actually even seeing it.

My son Nick was able to provide pictures in support of the project.

Sadly, Cruz was not present at last month's meeting, so he

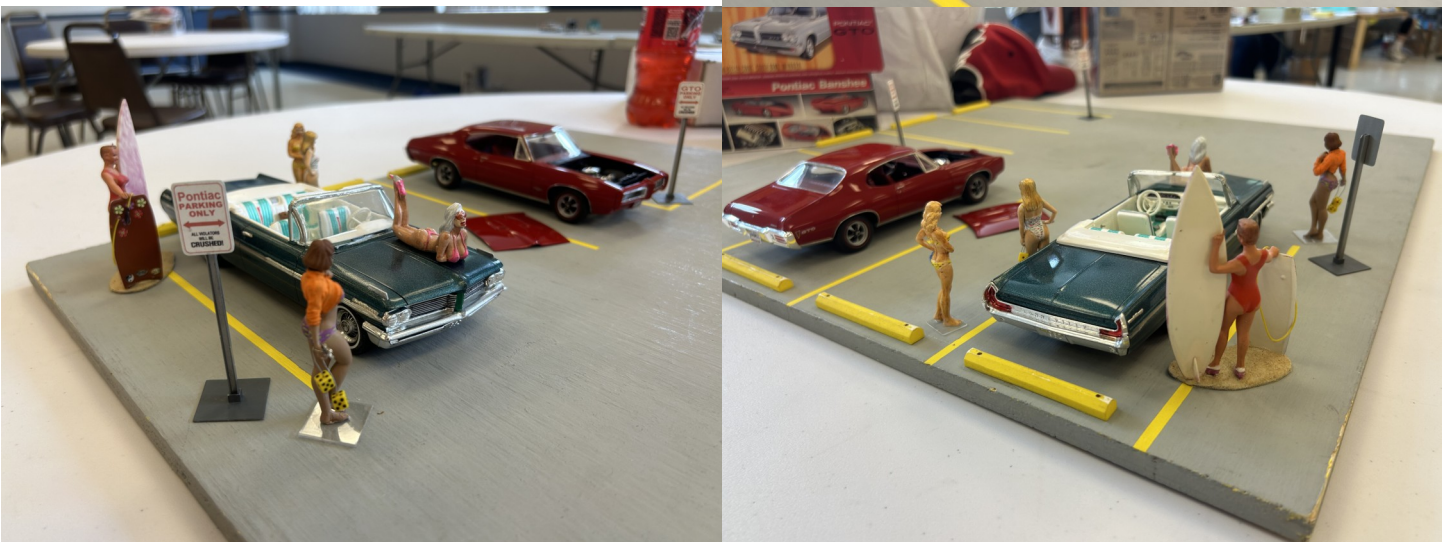
STILL has no idea what "Big Red" looks like up close and personal.

For what it's worth, I believe that we have a winner for a name for Cruz's amazing work—club Prez Tim Powers suggests "*Mini G*", and I think that is appropriate. If we went with that, would that make the 1:1 "*Maxi G*"?!

Let's keep bringin' 'em 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 🇺🇸



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MAMAs BoyZ do it in scale!

GTOAA (cont'd)

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power poles near the hotel, forcing them to use their backup diesel generators!

Due to the timeline for power restoration (3-5 days!), it was necessary to cancel the event. We left Friday morning, two days earlier than planned.

Luckily, there were only two injuries, with the worst being a broken wrist.

Refer to page 13 for a bit of the carnage—*Tim* 🍷

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

Club Contact Info

Classifieds

FOR SALE: Downsizing/relocating, model and magazine collections available. Contact me for a list at pfxelis@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 "Tiger Shark" '06 Toy Fair exclusive
AMT '65 2+2 Catalina
AMT '68 Z28 Camaro
AMT '70 1/2 Z28 Camaro
AMT '95 Stealth R/T Turbo
AMT Stealth Indy 500 Pace car
AMT '75 Gremlin X
AMT '90 Corvette
AMT VW Scirocco
AMT Raider's Coach
MPC "Spoiler" Vette

Lindberg '29 Mercedes SSK
Lindberg '31 Bugatti Royale Victoria

Lindberg '34 Ford Pickup
Lindberg '97 Ford F150 Flareside
Monogram '94 Mustang GT
Monogram '53 Corvette
Revell-Monogram Vette Agin
Contact Ron Shirey at 717-495-5377, or shirey007@comcast.net

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



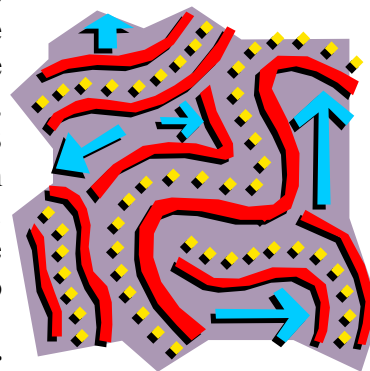
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<http://www.mamasboyz.org/>

Directions

From MD Route 29, I-95, MD Route 1, or I-295: Take MD Route-100 East, then take exit 10-B for MD-713 North (New Ridge Road). Turn left onto Ridge Road, then left onto Hanover Road.

From I-97 or MD Route-2: Take



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MD Route-100 West, then take exit 10 for MD-713 North (New Ridge Road). Turn left onto Ridge Road, then left onto Hanover Road.

Free parking is available, and the building is handicap accessible. 🍷

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