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2023 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 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 🍷

“Hot Town, Summer in the City”!

The July meeting was a very low-key one, with very little of any consequence to discuss.

We did briefly discuss the disposition of M.O.M., with no conclusions reached. In an attempt to generate newsletter content, please consider if/how we retain it, moving forward.

Thanks to Dave

Toups and Rich Meany for the sweets.

Three words for ya—Pontiac Reserved Parking—a full house!

The raffle raised **\$165.00**, while the door added **\$109.00**. Thanks to the following donors: **Steve M. Buter, Matt Guilfoyle, Rich Meany, JC Reckner, Vincent Tufano, Lee Willits, Lyle**

Willits, Historic Racing Miniatures (Brad), Replicas & Miniatures Co. of MD (Norman) and Ron Shirey. Thanks guys—we ‘preciate it—**Tim 🍷**



Condolences

Ely Reeves Callaway III, the founder of Callaway Cars and father of current Callaway Cars President Peter Callaway, has passed away at the age of 75. As the son of Callaway Golf founder Ely Callaway Jr., Reeves dreamed of becoming a race car driver. However, that didn't quite pan out, and he eventually became a racing instructor at the Bob Bondurant racing school. It was during this time that he developed his first after-

market piece, a turbocharger kit for the BMW 3

Series.

Initially kickstarting Callaway Cars from his garage, Reeves was eventually able to open an independent shop in Old Lyme, Connecticut, where he modified the likes of BMW, Alfa Ro-

meo, Aston Martin, Land Rover, Mazda and General Motors products. That being said, some of his most well-known work was with the Corvette, like the 1989 Callaway Twin Turbo Vette.

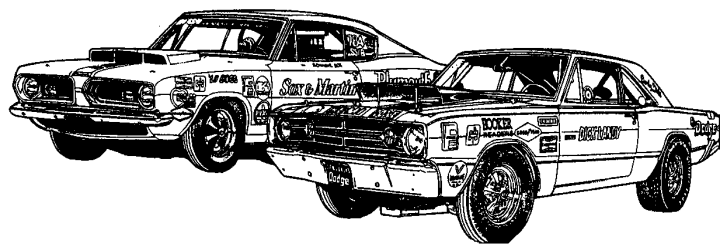
Thanks to a close relationship with The General, Callaway Cars is

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Raffle Goodies!



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Modelers' Showcase!

In an attempt to spur some of you guys into providing more content, I will share a MAMA members' work on something other than a regular basis. So, there is no pressure in the form of deadlines to scare you off. Whenever you finish something interesting and would like to share, simply shoot pictures and text off to me, and I will do the rest.

This month, the column will be featuring a recent completion by **Marcos Cruz**, his **AMT 2021**

Dodge Charger R/T.

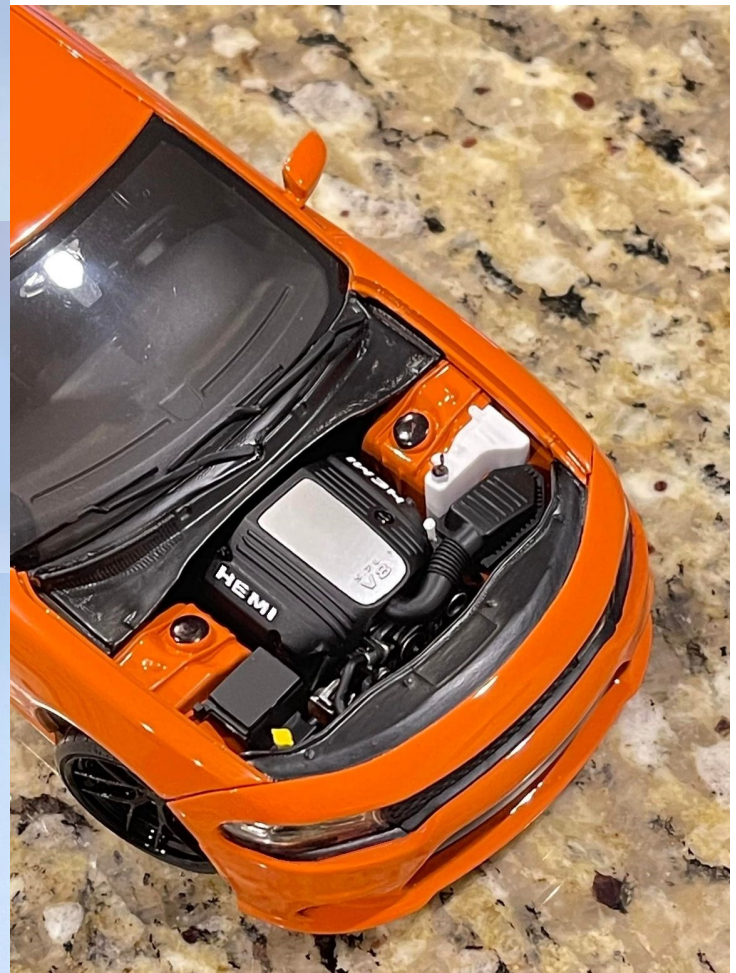
A few details follow:

- ◆ Paint is **Testors Go Mango** with **Dupli-Color 1K clear**, wetsanded and polished
 - ◆ Wheels and tires are from **Geronimo Works**, stock number GW-14LTPI. Don't think twice and go out and order some stuff from him, I mean, look at those badass things!
- I had a lot of



fun putting this one together, very nice new tooled kit from AMT. If I decide to do another one, I want it to be either a Hell Cat or a Scat Pack. Either way, I know it will definitely look a lot more intimidating than this one.

As always, great job, Cruz. I can't wait to see what's next—**Tim** 🍷



1971 Olds 442 W-30 [100+ pieces, white, clear, clear red, vinyl tires, metal exhaust tips, decals]

Engine: The basic engine and transmission consists of either 28 or 29 pieces, depending upon whether you choose the automatic or 4-speed. Yup, that's correct! You have the option to equip it with a three-piece Turbo 400 automatic, or a two-piece 4-speed! The longitudinal split remains.

Chassis: A transmission cross-member, two-piece exhaust, steering box, simplified three-piece front suspension, and six-piece rear, with...you guessed it...another option! This time, the W-27 option! It was an aluminum axle carrier, that shaved weight from the standard cast iron version.

Wheels/Tires: There is one rim choice—the well-known Super Stock II design, which mount a single set of blackwall tires, which have white-lettered markings on the decal sheet, unless you prefer to replace them with a set of tampo-printed tires.

Interior: Platform-style, meaning very crisp details on the separate interior side panels. The front buckets are two pieces each, while, consistent with the engine option, two consoles and shifters

are included, to match transmission options! Meanwhile, the dashboard mounts a four-spoke sport steering wheel on a short steering column. There are decals for the woodgrain appliqué on the dash, console, and door panels, as well as the steering wheel hub.

Body: Crisply molded, in one main piece, with separate front and rear bumpers (*eight and five, respectively*), three-piece rear spoiler, sport mirrors (*with separate chrome faces*), separate door handles and twin-scooped hood with separate hood locks (*again, saving more weight*). Clear head, parking and taillights are added to finish it off.

Glass: Simple—separate front and rear glass, as well as separate sunvisors! An inside rear-view mirror is also included.

Decals: In a word—*incredible!!* They not only include your choice of stripes—black or white—to build the car in either color combo, but so much more! Things like both dash and door



white letter tire markings, and two license plates—"OLD 442" ONT and "67201" AL.

Instructions: Step-by-step, easy to follow, with parts identified by name and number, with painting suggestions. The last page of the instructions includes an illustration for decal placement, showing front, side, rear and the top of the car.

It is obvious that a lot of thought went into the engineering of this kit, in order to provide transmission, shifter and W-27 options. I can only hope that this will become more common with Revell kits from this point on. If it does, we all win. If you need any further proof, one look at Marcos Cruz's beautiful Viking Blue Poly rendition of this kit will be all you need to see what is possible with careful work, and attention to detail. Personally, I am digging the Lime Green Poly car on the box art, but these are only two of a good assortment of colors for this car.

Kudos go out to Ed Sexton and Revell for their hard work, and additional thanks to Marcos Cruz for *HIS* work (*previously displayed*). Thanks—Tim 🍷



The '24 Camaro is the final model year for the car's sixth-gen, offering a few interesting bits and pieces before it officially fades into the sunset. One of the most important of these is the launch of the new Collector's Edition, a special variant complete with unique features, including a *matte black paint option*.

The matte black paint is officially dubbed *Panther Black Matte (PBM)*, and is tagged with paint code GNW. Critically, PBM is the first factory matte paint option ever offered for the Camaro.

PBM name is a nod to the first-gen Camaro from the '60s, specifically the program's "Panther" code name. Further Panther-themed homages are made elsewhere with the Collector's Edition package. For example, it also includes PBM Tricoat paint when equipped on LT/RS, LT1, and SS trim levels, while PBM is exclusive to the ZL1.

Notably, the PBM paint on offer with the Collector's Edition package for the '24 Chevy Camaro ZL1 has the same GNW paint code as the Maverick Noir Frost paint option offered exclusively for the CT4-V Blackwing Track Edition, specifically the IMSA Sebring Edition, limited to just 99 units total. Maverick Noir Frost served as an indirect re-

placement for the satin Dark Emerald Frost paint offered for the '22 model-year CT4-V Blackwing. Additionally, Maverick Noir Frost was offered for the '23 CT5-V Blackwing, once again with an identical GNW paint code.

For anyone who remembers just how expensive Maverick Noir Frost was for the two Blackwing sedans (\$8,120 when optioned for the '23 CT5-V Blackwing), it should come as no surprise that the Collector's Edition package for the '24 Camaro ZL1 is quite expensive as well. The package alone is **\$14,995**, which, combined with the '24 Camaro ZL1's base MSRP and destination freight charge (\$73,695), brings us to a total of **\$88,690**. Of course, the package includes much more than just the paint, but regardless, the matte finish is likely a big chunk of that final total.

Orders for the '24 Camaro kicked off in June. Production begins in August.

In today's era of modern globalization, it's not uncommon for companies to source materials and parts from several different countries in an effort to save on costs, with automakers being no

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different. With this in mind, a recent study was performed to determine which automaker featured the most American-made vehicles, and 'GMC' wasn't included in the top ten.

According to a report from [Cars.com](https://www.cars.com), Tesla EVs swept the top four most American-made vehicles for 2023, while entries from Honda and VW rounded out the top ten. As for 'GMC', the Corvette was ranked as the 19th most American-made vehicle, while the GMC Canyon and Chevy Colorado ranked 33rd and 34th, respectively.

Notably, this 'GMC' ranking is drastically lower than the '22 Kogod Made In America Index, which had the Bow Tie brand's sports car ranked as the third most American-made vehicle.

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'GMC' Recall Ticker

of Recalls

288 (!)

of Vehicles Affected

56,937, 760

C8 Watch

The mid-engine platform in the C8 is fantastic for traction, but that can backfire when attempting to show off with donuts, as demonstrated by the individual behind the wheel of the C8 featured in this story.

Making the rounds recently on social media, a video is just a few seconds long, but that's all it takes for this driver to turn their new C8 into next week's collision repair bill.

The video opens on a two-lane country road, where we see several people standing around, checking out the C8. The Vette slowly rolls down the shoulder, its headlights on during what appears to be early evening. A few other cars roll by as the Vette driver idles on the side of the road.

Suddenly, after we see a car pass on the left, the Vette driver nails the throttle, cranking the

steering wheel to the left. The rear end of the car slides out, pirouetting the Vette into the adjacent lane, two black streaks left on the pavement behind it.

So far, so good. Not exactly the most impressive display of driving skill of all time, but at least the Vette didn't hit anything. But that's when things start to go wrong.

With the steering wheel still cranked to the left, the Vette spins around until it's perpendicular to the two-lane road. The driver then stabs the throttle again. However, the throttle application isn't enough to get the rear end sideways, and instead, the C8 plows forward—right into a mailbox, barely missing a pickup truck.

The Vette luckily stops within inches of a Chevy S-10. Either way, that's gotta be pretty embarrassing for all involved. Moral of the story—don't attempt donuts on public roads lined by parked cars and people.

If you're going to do something dangerous, stupid, and illegal, cre-



ating video evidence of the act and posting it online is a surefire way to make things much, much worse. Unfortunately, that's a lesson that another C8 owner in Canada learned the hard way after a video that showed him street racing against a motorcycle was posted to social media, leading to his arrest and his car being impounded.

Per a report from CTV News Toronto, 22-year-old Brampton resident Simranjit Singh was arrested on June 30th and charged with several offenses, including dangerous operation of a vehicle, racing a motor vehicle, and performing a stunt in a vehicle. Peel Regional Police state that prior to the arrest they were made aware of a video posted to social media which shows Singh racing near Steeles Avenue East and Airport Road.

In the video, the C8 driver is seen taking off from a stop light alongside a rider on a green motorcycle. The two accelerate quickly, and the driver raises their left hand as the speeds climb. The individual taking the video raises the camera to show the green motorcycle start to pull ahead of the

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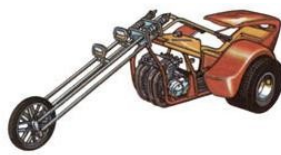


Christmas Is Comin'!

For the car guys out there—full-size or scale (*and, let's face it—you might not be here if you weren't!*), Hallmark's 2023 Christmas ornaments have been announced!

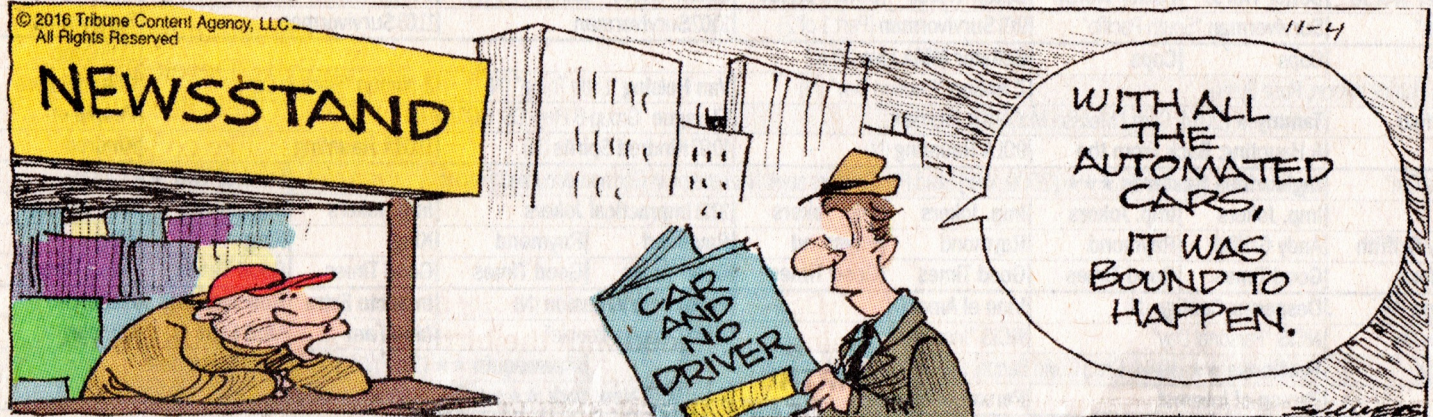
It appears as though 'GMC' is looking to "cash in" with their "cash cows"—Corvettes and trucks.

My advice to any of you who may be interested would be to get your orders in **NOW!** These bad boys sell out quick—*Assorted sources* 🛒



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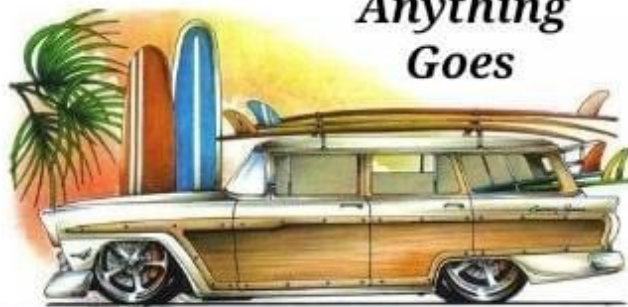
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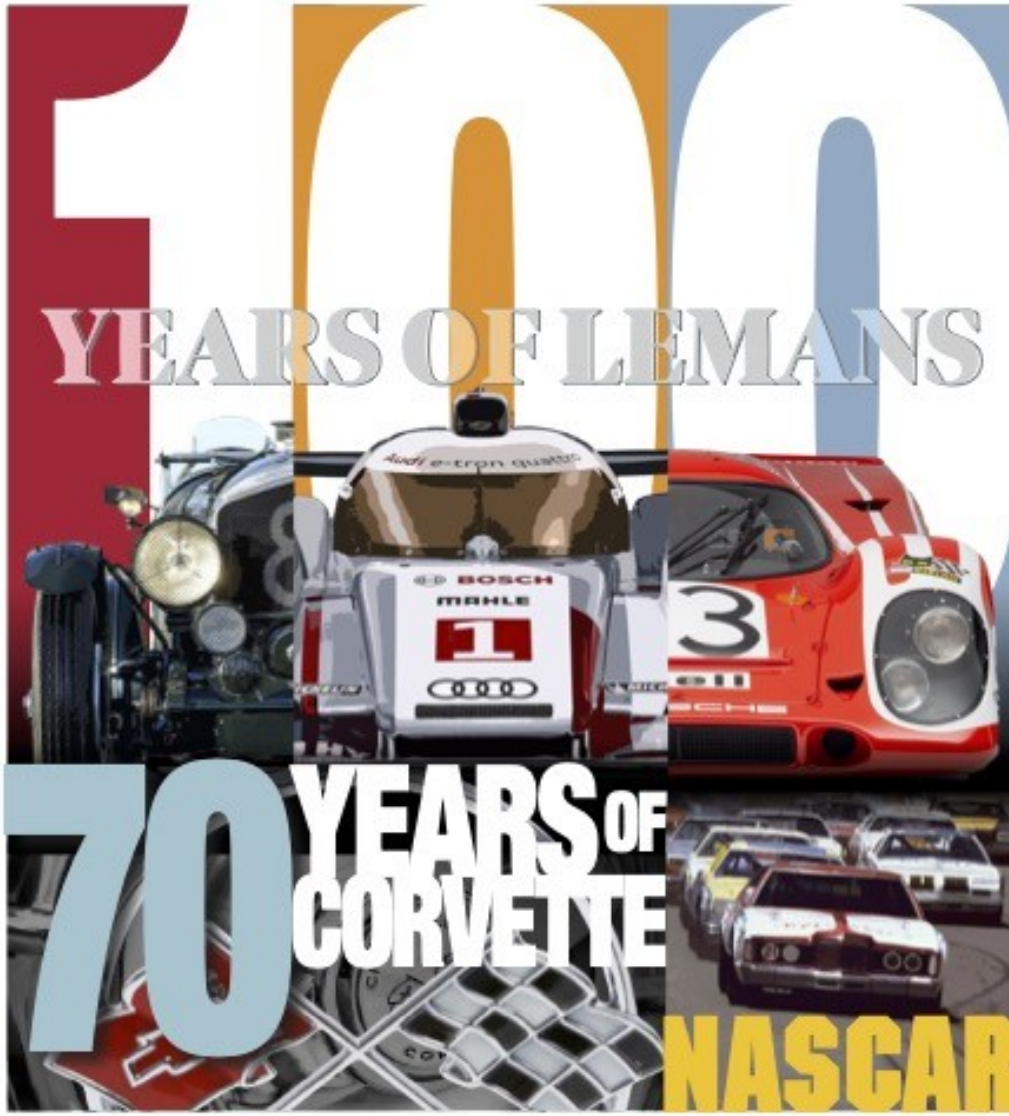
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- A "Make It-Take It" event is scheduled for children 12 and under to learn modeling skills. A FREE kit is provided (one per child per paid admission).
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Entry Fee to enter models into the show: \$12 unlimited entries
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**Previous ACME award-winning models are not eligible, models must be entirely built and painted by the entrant. Other restrictions may apply.*

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It's worth noting that the discrepancy between this report and the Kogod study is due to methodology, as Cars.com uses several disqualifying factors when articulating rankings, which include:

- ◆ Models that have a gross vehicle weight over 8,500 pounds, which provides exception from AALA requirements
- ◆ Models where less than 1,000 units are produced in a model year, which provides exception from AALA requirements
- ◆ Models set for imminent discontinuation, or production

moving outside the US, without a clear US-built successor

- ◆ Models not yet on sale at the time of the study

- ◆ Models intended solely for government or commercial fleets

- ◆ Models that don't meet minimum sales or inventory thresholds

- ◆ Models with insufficient information

The above disqualifying factors rule out several 'GMC' vehicles, including the *Lyriq*, *Bolt EV/EUV*, *Camaro*, *Express*, *Silverado HD*, *Hummer EV pickup*, *GMC Savana*, *GMC Sierra 1500* and *GMC Sierra HD*—Assorted sources 🍷

C8 (cont'd)

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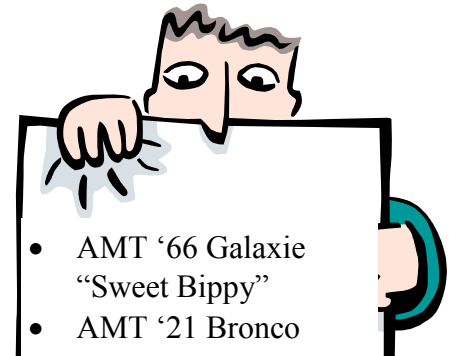
C8, at which point the driver pulls their hand back inside the cabin. We see the C8 and motorcycle speed by another motorist in the center lane.

According to the CTV News

Toronto report, police say that the driver was traveling at roughly **140 mph** in a **50 mph zone**.

The report indicates that Singh was released with conditions, his license suspended, and his C8 was impounded. He is scheduled to appear in court this month. Investigators have yet to identify the rider on the green motorcycle—Assorted sources 🍷

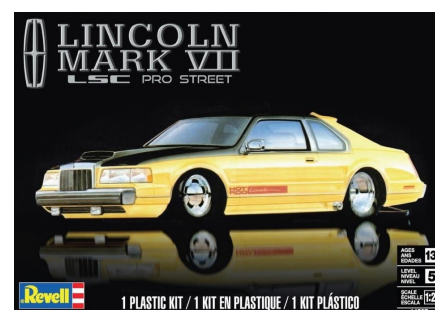
Ron's Rant



- AMT '66 Galaxie "Sweet Bippy"
- AMT '21 Bronco
- AMT Chevy Bison Conventional
- Hasegawa Lamborghini Muira P400 SV (1/24th)
- Revell '69 GTO (1/24th)
- Revell '71 Boss 351 Mustang
- Salvinos R. Blaney '23 Mustang (1/24th)
- Salvinos J. Logano '23 Mustang (1/24th)
- Salvinos C. Bell '23 Camry (1/24th)
- Salvinos K. Larson '23 Camaro (1/24th)

(1/25th, unless noted)

New Stuff!



Don Keeffe's
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This month's reserved parking, was "PRO"—Parking Room Only!

Steve M. Buter brought his '62 *Bonneville convertible* back out, with an entourage (including *Bob's Big Boy*, no less).

Rich Meany parked a cool '60 *Pontiac sedan delivery* that he scored at our MAMA NNL.

George Openhym displayed a fresh build of the *new AMT '68 GTO*, along with a slick *Pontiac-powered Ford street rod*.

Meanwhile, I showcased a few

GTOs ('65, '69, '72 and '04) as a way to make up for the cancellation of the GTOAA Nats due to the derecho that moved though the area, effectively knocking out power for at least two weeks.

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!

Condolences

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one of the primer aftermarket tuning companies for GM vehicles today, and offers products for the likes of the Camaro, Silverado, Suburban, Tahoe, Sierra, Yukon and Escalade.

Ely Reeves Callaway III is survived by four children and two grandchildren—*Assorted sources*



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Central PA Model Car Club:

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

LIARS Model Car Club:

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Philly Area Car Modelers:

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

NNL East:

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Carlisle Events:

<https://www.carlisleevents.com>

East Coast Indoor Nationals:

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Online Event Calendar:

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AMT '65 2+2 Catalina

AMT '68 Z28 Camaro

AMT '70 1/2 Z28 Camaro

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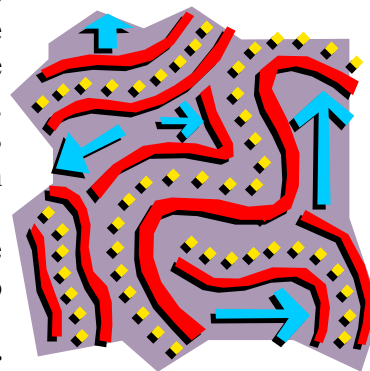
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