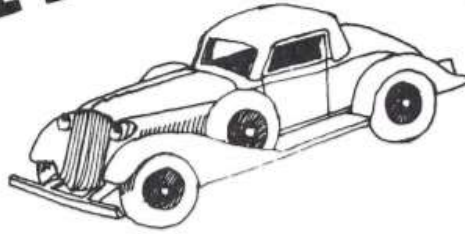


# CAPITOL MINIATURE AUTO COLLECTORS CLUB



**DECEMBER 2025: NEXT MEETING-  
DECEMBER 14, 2025**



## **CMACC MEETING DETAILS**

### **December 2025**

**DATE AND TIME:** SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025 11:00 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

**LOCATION:** VIENNA FIREHOUSE BOARD ROOM (JACK WILL BE HAVING 1/64 SALE 8 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. IN MAIN HALL), 400 SOUTH CENTER ST., VIENNA, VA 22180

**THEME:** WHAT YOU WANT FROM SANTA (THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE TO GIFT YOURSELF)

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## **EVENTS: Let me know if you know:**

- **TJ's Diecast Toys, (Jack's show) 1/64 Show, Sunday, 8 AM -2 PM, December 14. Vienna Fire House, 400 Center St S, Vienna, VA 22180.**



## **Editor's Corner**

Again, thanks to all who help keep this social club together! And thanks to Doug Campbell and Bob Short for their contributions to this issue. It's shorter than usual, we need some more contributions! I just didn't have time this month to assemble the newsletter and provide content, help me out here!

In a related vein, see the discussion in the minutes about our show and its future. This is the beginning of a larger conversation about the future of the Club and its activities, At our show I was struck by how things had changed, and then seeing the crowd at Jack's show (parking lot at the firehouse was full) made me think that things are evolving.

Harold let me know that Nola Gurski had a visit to the hospital earlier this week, and is now in a rehab center working toward a return to her home.

I don't have any more tariff news, there have been so many changes with different countries, up and down. I have certainly cut back on purchases from abroad, just because I don't have any idea how much might be added, and what the process will be.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, if not have a great holiday season!

Fred

# Minutes of the CMACC Meeting of December 9, 2025

The December 2025 meeting was held at the Vienna firehouse, in conjunction with Jack's monthly 1/64 sale, which had a good crowd checking out the Hot Wheels, etc.





The firehouse kitchen provided lunch, hot dogs or bbq, chips and a drink. Served with a big smile...

Members present included Joe Adamo, Harold Blevins, Todd Blevins, Jim Brostrom, yours truly, Josh Pinho, Dick Williams and Jim Williamson (aka Jimbo).

Joe Adamo had comments about the November CMACC show. He said we needed to keep the shoppers out until the vendors are set up. He also felt we needed to revise the flyer and publicity to show Hot Wheels and logos for 1/64 models, that potential shoppers (and vendors) are looking for those things. He said he had developed a revised flyer for our consideration.

This led to a discussion of whether this is the traditional CMACC show going forward, or is becoming something else as the vendor and buyer population changes to a 1/64 scale focus, rather than our traditional 1/43 and 1/25 scales, and from older collectibles to new production. He suggested publicizing the show with other clubs, mentioning a Hot Wheels club, Charm City in Baltimore, clubs supporting the Winchester show—to draw in more of these new collectors.

Harold noted that Dunn Loring firehouse will be closing for renovations after our November 26 show, which will require us to make some changes in any event. He also said that he did not send the postcards to our e-mail list for the November show, and it seemed to have little effect on the attendance. He suggested we use the money to pay the firehouse to advertise the show on their dot matrix sign for the month before.



We also recruited a new member from the crowd at Jack's show—Marc Neilson. He introduced himself, said his major auto interest is the Chevrolet Camaro, in all scales including 1/43.



## Once Around Show and Tell (OAST)

Todd Blevins started off our show and tell with his new “Back to the Future” popcorn bucket model available at the AMC Theaters. See the photo, it’s a large model of the DeLorean with space for some popcorn. The AMC Theater had it on October 26, likely gone shortly thereafter (Todd was there). \$54 with a large popcorn and a drink.



Jim Brostrom brought several new GLM Stamp 1/43 models: a 1958 Chevrolet Bel Air Impala hardtop, a 1973 Impala convertible, and a 1975 Impala convertible. He also had a special edition Corgi Seagrave Fire Engine done for the Heroes Under Fire series for the Baltimore Firehouse Exposition—a Baltimore truck.



Jim also had a unique model from England, a Daimler Ambulance.



Josh Pinho shared a couple of new finds. One is the Corgi Chitty-Chitty Bang Bang, complete with figures and moveable features.



Another one is a Matchbox Mercury Villager Wagon as a police vehicle.



In 1/64 scale he had some new Nascar Action Racing Collectables models: a 2023 Kimi Raikonin Camaro ZL1 #91 ONX, a 2025 throwback #21 Motorcraft Ford, and a 2023 Camaro LT1 #43 Air Force driven by Erik Jones.



Joe Adamo had a Hot Wheels Red Line 1932 Ford Vicky, in mint condition.



Dick Williams brought a full collection of police vehicles.



In 1/64 scale he had a Greenlight Massachusetts State Police Chevrolet Step Van for the Underwater Dive Team.



Also in 1/64 he had a Dodge Challenger SRT Hellcat for the Texas Department of Public Safety.



Another police vehicle was a North Carolina Highway Patrol 1995 Jeep Cherokee.



For the U.S. Border Patrol he had a 1990 Chevy Suburban K20 Scottsdale .



In 1/43 scale he had three AMC Matador police vehicles made by Iconic: a Cleveland car in NHTSA high-visibility (slime) green, a 1972 Adam-12 (police TV series) car, and a Phoenix, Arizona car. Dick noted that the Adam-12 car was missing the number on the deck lid, and that the roof number didn't match. Dick wrote an article for Model Auto Review (online model magazine based in the U.K.) about these models with a detailed review.



I brought three Alfa Romeo models in 1/43. One was a Best model diorama of the 1965 Le Mans Alfa Romeo TZ2. Driven by Zeccoli and Rosinski, it went off the track and was stuck in soft ground. Zeccoli (I think) got out and began shoveling to free the car—if it required assistance they would be out of the race. It was hot, and he stripped to his shorts, creating the scene in the diorama.



I also had a 1/43 1942 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS by Alfa Model 43, and a 1944 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 Cabriolet by Bertone. These are both unusual in that they are models of cars constructed during WWII, when civilian cars generally were not being produced anywhere. I had to get them for that reason alone. Not shown, I also found the only Alfa Romeo model at Jack's show, a black Alfa Romeo GTV6 3.0 in the Hot Wheels Premium series. Experts in 1.64 scale told me it was the rare one....

# OAST- Doug Campbell

I'm a fan of toy DIVCO milk trucks (for almost 20 years I wrote a column called "Divco Toy Chest" 6 times a year for the publication "Divco News") so was pleased recently to see Mattel finally release a MILK TRUCK version of its Matchbox Divco casting, and this one even has the readable tiny "Divco" emblems on front and back! This great new model came as part of a gift pack of 4 Matchbox models labeled "Replay the Classics", and also includes a 1969 Ford Mustang Boss 302, a Ford 1963 F-100 pick-up, and a 1955 Porsche 550 Spyder. The box cover resembles art work seen on early Matchbox "Roadway" packs, and this set celebrates Mattel's 80th anniversary!



I've always been a devoted collector of VW vans, buses, and I guess anything Volkswagen(!), so was delighted this holiday season to find the toy 1/43 VW bus with teardrop trailer by Welly Models(China) at Goods Store in Lancaster County, Pa ( these great stores are known as the "Amish Walmart"!), and in a local Christmas shop, Lemax has released these two really nice 1/43 scale VW buses at center (Holly Jolly Christmas) and bottom (Mountain Side Shuttle Bus), and they both quickly sold out in two days or so! Both have nice roof loads too!



This really detailed 1/24 scale VW van turned up this month in a Cracker Barrel gift shop, and the rear door opens. It's a really high quality model!



A rare find from the November Allentown, Pa. Antique Toy show...an HO scale PLASTIC Isetta BMW, from SIKU of Germany, made about 1959. I was standing next to a collector who had come over for the show from Germany, and said he had one at home, and that these early PLASTIC SIKU models are getting near impossible to even find in Europe anymore! I have just a few of the early SIKU PLASTIC models in my own collection, and so was thrilled to find this little Isetta to add to my collection- as ALWAYS something unusual turns up at Allentown!....Plastic was used by SIKU, before they turned to all DIE-CAST metal production.



My financial advisor is up in Newtown Square, Pa., so when I visit them often over the years I always stop as I pass by, at the huge Nicholas Smith toy/train store in nearby Broomall, , and also in Newtown Square I have found toy Porsche models at the huge Porsche dealer's parts dept. (alas, they no longer carry any models!), and just recently the Philadelphia FERRARI dealer, moved from their older 30 year location just West of Philly, now next door to the Porsche dealer in Newtown Square, and as I noticed about 30 Ferrari cars on their huge lot, and another 12 in the large showroom, I stopped in to search out any toy models, which alas they also no longer stock in the parts dept., but I spent an hour talking to one of the friendly parts managers, and left with two(really 3!) truly fantastic FERRARI BOOKS...the left one is a complete color photo history of Ferrari cars from 1947-2015, and on the right is an approx. 10 pounds (yes!) set of two glossy color volumes showing ALL the Ferrari RACE cars from 1950-2020.... I've displayed them with a few BRUMM (made in ITALY!) Ferrari race cars from a Ferrari transporter truck gift set I bought in Italy a few years ago. I've been enjoying many hours of wonderful pleasure going through these many pages..the left one is 144 pages, and the right book set is a whopping 720 pages total! If your are a Ferrari fan, these pages are HEAVEN!



Again this year I am working as a volunteer on the model train garden in the Highlandtown neighborhood of Baltimore in the fire house on Conkling St. ([highlandtowntraingarden.com](http://highlandtowntraingarden.com)), and just down the street I frequent a great vintage/antique shop, and noticed a few days ago this rather nice condition old 1930's MARX TOYS(USA) tin gas station pump set for \$10(a bargain!!), and have shown it here with a Spec Cast (made in 1980's, in China) Cities Service 1930's style Ford tank truck. What a charming gas pump island, now almost 100 years old!



Also new from LEMAX (China) for this holiday season is this really detailed and delightful VW COFFEE Wagon...in 1/43 scale. Lemax models and buildings, carnival rides, etc. are sold usually only during the holiday seasons, and again this little van sold out in about 2 days at my local Christmas shop! Such a FUN model VW!!



A rare EBay find...this plastic 1950's International METRO Van, was sold only at International Harvester dealers Parts Departments in the 1950's, and was made by Product Miniatures Company of Wisconsin. The rear compartment holds a pack of cigarettes (smoking was popular back then!), and slides out as the van rolls along. What is so very RARE, is to find the BOX for this model..I have a number of these Metro Vans by Product Miniatures, but have NEVER seen the BOX it came in before! And it's near MINT condition!



Just another truly rare and unusual find from the great annual Allentown (Pa.) Antique Toy Show in November...an absolutely mint BOXED just 8 inches long Metal Car carrier by Wyandotte TOYS, made by All Metal products Company of Wyandotte, Michigan. Most Wyandotte Toys were of MUCH larger size, and even the little plastic cars are still with this charming little "Haul-A-Car" semi truck!



Just a delightful little display piece..made in China in 1995 to celebrate ERTL TOYS 50th Anniversary..(1945-1995)..this little domed Ertl 'factory" model(even has DYERSVILLE(IA) water tower!) when a battery is inserted, and the button pushed, , the little ERTL semi truck(looks like real ERTL truck fleet back then too!) revolves around the delightful Christmas scene, riding through the factory.



My HOLIDAY WISHES to my fellow CMACC club members comes delivered by this DEPT.56 (China) Ceramic vintage TELEGRAM TRUCK and Telegram delivery man figure (set is from movie "A Christmas Story" and is labeled by Dept. 56 as "Old Man's Telegram Delivered")..and I guess is just our OLD members who will even know or remember what a TELEGRAM was! The ceramic holiday decorated, "Dani's Pub" building is by Lemax Models (China) .....Happy Holidays and Happy Collecting!



# OAST-Bob Short

This arrived today after a long wait, a Brooklin 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner.

This one is #17 of 25 in this version. It's 383 car with the "dog dish" hubcaps. There are 4 versions altogether with a total production of 100 models.

Produced by Brooklin for Elmo models.



Another ebay Forward Look find . It was cheap minimal warp broken mirrors but that's 99% of these. I found this while surfing for more Plymouths



An ebay purchase, nice 55 Plymouth Ideal (Johan) promo . Unfortunately a badly warped chassis but still nice enough and relatively rare.



Goldvarg--Not available for pre order yet:





In stock, available for order (photos from Goldvarg e-mail):







# It's all just my opinion....about HESS "trucks"!

**By Doug Campbell**

It was over 60 years ago that a truly wonderful Christmas/holiday tradition started for me when Christmas Season Nov. 26,1964, my late Dad took me over to the old local HESS gas station on Joppa Road in North Baltimore, and bought me the very first HESS TRUCK- a delightful "B" Mack semi tanker truck toy that was based on the real Hess tanker trucks that delivered fuel oil to Hess stations at that time. (It's another story , for another journal issue, why I had to buy a replacement original Hess tanker for my collection, as I traded that one for 3 more rarer versions that were made of the first Hess tanker) ... It came complete with a little red plastic funnel, a working flexible hose to empty the tank, and true working headlights and taillights...it was and still is my FAVORITE HESS TRUCK! And for many years after, until HESS closed all of their RETAIL gasoline stations, it meant an early morning visit to a HESS station on Thanksgiving morning to purchase the latest HESS TRUCK toy! After that it meant, with less fun involved, ordering the annual HESS TOY TRUCK on an online internet site.....but none-the-less- I still found each exciting to collect....until THIS year...when again HESS decided to avert from their annual "toy TRUCK" theme and release what I think is an awful looking, over-priced RACE CAR set...that for the very first time in all these years I broke tradition and won't order one! ...

Yea, over the many years, HESS has released other toy "CARS"...such as 1993 police car, and the 2009 race car and racer set..but they looked somewhat "realistic" and were still rather reasonably priced...but this years model in my opinion .."ugh!"..I think it's too toy like and well overpriced, despite all those many lights it includes! And many years along with a truck was included, rare cars, motorcycles, airplanes, even a rocket ship...but at least they stayed closed to the theme of an annual Hess "TRUCK" !

And it was many , many years ago, that maybe some of you old timers to CMACC remember our late members, Ferd Zegel and Roger Bartelt,, when along with them I published the VERY FIRST magazine in the world just about toy TRUCKS- "Miniature Truck News" ....for a few years....and one of our very first subscribers of the over 500 we had at the time WORLDWIDE.....was a distinguished , now late,, gentleman named Fred Lee Barber from New York City, who I remember sending in his subscription order on lovely gray printed engraved stationary printed by Tiffany & Co., jewelers in New York City, where he lived. Just after that I spent a day visiting the now, just history, , American Toy Center Building at 1107 Broadway to get some information for articles for our little Miniature Truck News publication, and when I went into the old Louis Marx & Co. Toymakers headquarters in that building, a gentleman came out after the receptionist took my M.T.N . Business card into the back offices... and introduced himself as Fred Lee Barber,.our M.T.N subscriber! And that's very day I discovered he was and would be until his death, the designer and producer of all of the HESS toys! We became personal and close friends to me and Joan for many, many years after that meeting, and each year, just after Thanksgiving, he'd invite us both up to New York City for the day....first lunch at his exclusive University Club or at the famous Sea Grill on Rockefeller Plaza at the ice rink...(our lunches were often well over \$50-100 EACH at his expense and kindness!) where he wanted me to give my opinion about the latest HESS toy truck! He often gave us one (sometimes special such as the corporate only model Amarada Hess!) of the new Hess toy trucks, (in all the years he was only

ONCE willing to AUTOGRAPH one of his trucks, which I certainly cherish as a special model today!)..one year he took me and Joan over to Saks Fifth Avenue and treated each of us to a very expensive GIFT too, and many years we would meet at his fancy 5th Avenue condo, where once one of his sons, Daniel or David, took one of his toy trucks off the shelf and jumped right on top of it, and said "see it won't BREAK!".....and it didn't!...yea ,HESS toys have always been the BEST of quality! One year he took us to FAO Schwartz's toy store old branch store in the now destroyed World Trade Center buildings, to buy me one of his now rather rare "DANNON Yogurt " step vans (he had placed the few remaining production left after DANNON got theirs, in that toy store just to see how they would sell) which he also designed of some other trucks he made besides Hess through the years, such as MANY different MAYFLOWER MOVING vans, and a model for ATN Freight Lines...all in his famous "Hess-style" boxes and lighting systems! ... All were HAND-MADE and lights HAND-WIRED in Hong Kong or now China..and he personally went to the factories to supervise all of his toy trucks production! Of course , the first few HESS trucks were actually made right here in the USA by MARX TOYS, since Mr. Barber worked there!

So it's been a lifetime of good HESS toy truck memories, but alas this year I must break tradition, as in my opinion only, is what I feel is an ugly and very overpriced Hess race car... which is promoted still as a Hess "TRUCK" in many ads...just isn't of interest to add in my collection!....Happy Holidays!..Happy Collecting!

Meet the late LEON HESS, founder and CEO of Hess Oil, who personally along with Fred Lee Barber, who actually made the older toy Hess trucks, personally went over all designs of each years Hess toy trucks production...now his son John continues the tradition!



Although the box isn't original, nor even looks like the original, and the little funnel is a repro, I finally was able to add the very first (and 99% mint) Hess B-Mack truck again to my collection recently from a Harry's Auction (Pa.) winning bid! Why I don't have my original model is a story for another future CMACC journal...



In 1966, Hess (made in USA by Marx Toys) tried to market at the holiday, instead of a truck, a replica of one of their 1962 actual HESS oil ships used to pick up its oil to carry to refineries, but the model was so unpopular they even had some left over the next year to use as a "giveaway" at a new Hess station grand opening!



In 1969, Hess Oil & Chemical became Amerada Hess Corp., and a very limited number of these special toy trucks were made in Hong Kong by Marx Toys, exclusively by Mr. Barber for some in-house HESS employees. It is now a rare Hess collectible toy truck production to find!



For many years, each Spring...Hess has Introduced , and sold only online, these little "Mini" versions of its larger toy trucks.... complete with LIGHTS!

Despite many requests, it was never possible for Hess to produce a toy model of its stations feasible for retail sales. I have three toy HESS stations in my own collection, all hand-made (one by our own fellow CMACC club member, John Dempsey!). This particular one from early 1970's, hand-made by a New Jersey collector, I loaned to Mr. Barber and he took it to China to see a possibility it could be designed into a retail Hess toy, but alas it was not possible, and he returned the model to me some months later, although after the trip to China, the internal lights no longer operate! ..sorry I couldn't get it out of my showcase to better photograph today.



For its 50th year, Hess reissued this colorful poster showing all models, at its stations at the holiday season.



In 1967, the Hess model was sold in this fancy red plush base box. And although marked on the box "Made in USA", only the red part of the box was made here, shipped to Hong Kong, where Marx Toys produced the rest of the boxes and the actual toy truck itself! The toy retailed for \$1.99.



In 1980, retailing at \$3.29, one of the most popular Hess toy trucks ...the TRAINING VAN was sold at the holiday season. It was most exact scale model of the actual van HESS used to train gas station employees, and the REAL van is shown in my photo!



## Founding Fathers

From Perry Eichor I received this photo of Charles Frances Wilding and General Fred Maxwell. I am not sure where the photo was taken, or what is on the plaque, but it is definitely a link to the beginning of our CMACC!



From Facebook, via Bob Short—a snowy day in old D.C.

