



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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GTR Auto Modelers

2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

2004 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake

Next GTR Meeting: January 15, 2005

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about 1 mile north of Rt 176

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Events

In February we have the Rockford Wheels in Scale Club hosting the Classic Plastic 6 on 2/6/05. This is a contest and swap, I will have a table so stop by if you go.

The next Wheaton show is 2/27/05. Still no word on the strictly 43rd event for this year.

See details on these and other events on the calendar page and our website.

Real World

MG Rover to race in the DTM
(from Autosport.com)

British manufacturer MG Rover is set to race in next year's DTM touring car series. After championship organizer ITR confirmed earlier this week that a fourth manufacturer will join Mercedes, Audi and Opel, *Autosport* can reveal that MG plans to run four cars in next year's series.



Robby Gordon becomes the first American to win a stage of the Dakar rally!

Gordon, driving a factory Volkswagen Toureg, won the first and third stages of the famous Dakar rally to move into the overall lead at the time of this writing.



Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, IPMS/Bong Chapter, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

GTR News

GTR Update

For the January meeting we will be back to the regular third Saturday and back to the Fountains of Crystal Lake. We will be looking for ideas for 2005 meetings and events, also on ways to boost meeting attendance and club membership. If you can't make the meeting, give me or Tim a call or email. We will also need to select new officers, if anyone is interested let us know. Everyone's input is wanted.

Also we held the dues to \$15 for 2005, so please pay at the meeting or mail to me. (make checks payable to me, not GTR as we do not have an account).

We have run into a delay in our IPMS/USA chapter charter renewal process. We need at least five active IPMS/USA members, including all the officers. Some GTR members have lapsed so we need some people to renew. If you are not a member or have lapsed, I encourage you to join or renew, check out their website at www.ipmsusa.org for details.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (February, 2005) issue of the newsletter is February 1. Submissions are always needed.

December GTR Meeting

In December we changed the meeting date to the second Saturday (Dec 11) and joined the IPMS/CARS in Miniature club at their meeting. The location was the Algonquin Township Hall, in Cary.

AMT Corvair Kit Reissue

Subject: 1969 Chevrolet Corvair
Manufacturer: AMT
Kit #: 38159 **Scale: 1/25**



Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

This kit is a reissue of the 1969 Corvair kit previously issued several times. Now it is available again, a welcome reissue of a unique car.

It is molded in gray plastic, with chrome accessories and clear and red clear pieces for the glass. The roof is supported by a cardboard insert to prevent it being crushed. The instructions are a large, fold out sheet, just like the original format. This is a full detail kit, with complete engine and much of the suspension

The kit contains parts for three different versions, stock, custom and rally-racing. There are two deck lids, stock and one with a spoiler. There are two sets of chrome wheels, stock and five slot. There are two sets of vinyl tires, also some plastic tire sidewalls which are supposed to be glued to the sides of the tires to make racing tires, but I can't imagine they work very well. The custom version has several body mods, roof, scoops, bumpers and lights, and a "snowplow" type front end. The custom interior uses the racing bucket seat with a headrest and cushion. This is definitely a 60's style design, somewhat dated. The racing version has a striped out interior with a roll cage, tach, racing shifter and a Rally instrument panel.

This reissue contains a convertible boot, something not always included in previous releases, which is not mentioned in the instructions. The headlights are chrome, without clear inserts. The engine contains several options, including three sets of exhaust and three air cleaner options. In a sign of its age the front axle is metal, but the rear suspension is well detailed.



The decal sheet is rather sparse, just some side body stripes and two sets of license plates. Considering the age of the mold there is hardly any flash.

Thanks to AMT for making this classic American sports car available again. For GTR guys it can easily be converted into a nice road racer with a few extra touches.

Sunday, February 6, 2005

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

6th annual Classic Plastic

Model Contest & Swap Meet

By Rockford Wheels in Scale

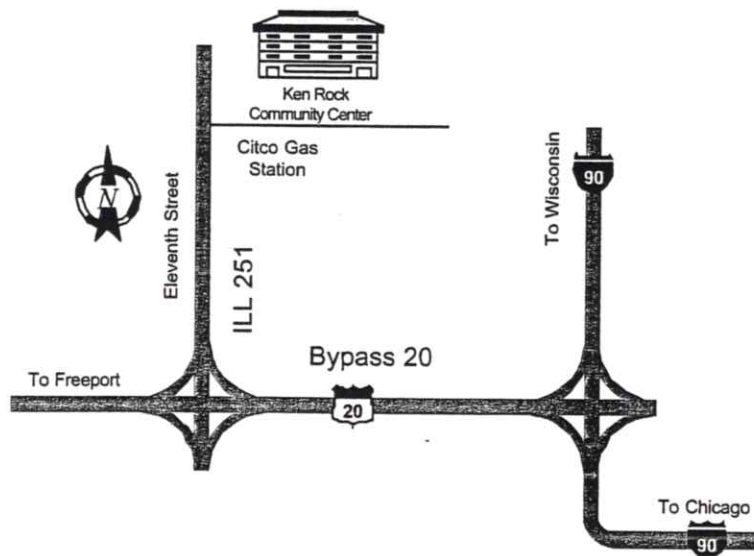
Rockford Wheels in Scale Plastic Model Club is having a Plastic Model car Swapmeet and Contest. It will be held at the **Ken Rock Community Center at 3218 Eleventh Street in Rockford, IL on February 6, 2005** from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Admission to show \$2 and children under 12 free. Early bird special 10 dollars

Swap meet tables available for 10 dollars. We will have 50 + tables available. First come first serve. Vendors doors open at 7 AM. Prepaid Tables are non-refundable.

The contest Theme will be Mustangs, any shape or form. Raffle prizes available and drawn every hour. The contest will have 16 adult classes and two Junior classes. Trophy's awarded to top three models in the class. Honorable mentions to be awarded also. Awards also to be awarded are the Classic Plastic Cup award, Best of Show, Best Paint, and Peoples Choice. Registration for contest is from 9 AM to 12 PM. Judging to start at 12:30 PM and end at 2:00 PM. Entrance fee's for Contest will be 3 dollars for the first kit and one (1) dollar for each additional up to 10 dollars total fee. Unlimited Models allowed. Juniors entries are free.

For any Questions regarding the contest and swapmeet, please Contact the Club Officers below.

Location Map



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Contest Director - Judging
Rules

Bill Hoffman (815) 544- 2155

GTR Event Calendar

2005

January 1-16 Dakar Rally

February 5-6 Rolex 24 at Daytona
Daytona Beach, Florida

February 5 IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Stewartsville Civic Center
Stewartsville, MN
Ed St. Denis edstdenis@msn.com

February 6 Classic Plastic Contest & Swap
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken Rock Community Center
Rockford, IL contact Dan Myers
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February 11-20 Chicago Auto Show
McCormack Place Chicago, IL

February 20 Daytona 500
Daytona Beach, Florida

February 27 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
With Model Contest hosted by the Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds
Wheaton, IL 630-969-1847

March 5 IPMS/Roscoe Turner 12th Annual Contest &
Swap Meet
Lakeside Elementary School
Indianapolis, IN

March 5 IPMS/Great Plains
Frank Ciccarella FCiccarella@aol.com

March 19 12 Hours of Sebring
Sebring, Florida

March 27 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
(formerly Hillside) www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 2 IPMS/Plastic Surgeons
Valley Free Church Des Moines, IA
Greg Metge gmgaha@mchsi.com

April 16 NNL Milwaukee 13
Hosted by AMG
Quality Inn Waukesha, WI

April 16 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim Turek jjtmodel@yahoo.com

April 17 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
Joan Dunn 262-646-4114

April 28-May 1 GSL-XX 20th GSL International
Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention
Prime Hotel, Salt Lake City UT
Hosted by Utah Miniature Automotive Guild
www.GSLChampionship

April 29-30 2005 IPMS Region V Convention
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Quad Cities, IL
grbroman@aol.com

May 25 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 18-19 24 Hours of LeMans
LeMans, France

June 19 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

July 20-23 2005 IPMS/USA National
Convention
Cobb Galleria Convention Center
Atlanta, GA www.ipmsusa.org

September 10 Nordic Con
IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

October 20-23
iHobby Expo
Los Angeles, CA

October 29 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau, WI
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