



GTR Newsletter

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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: March 19, 2005

Fountains of Crystal Lake

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

From parent company RC2, we hear the announced new releases of the 2005 Dodge Magnum and the Bentley Continental GT from AMT may not be released, due to the all too familiar licensing issues. However, the 2005 Chrysler 300C kit is still due to be released. Among other releases, AMT will also reissue the Piranha dragster. And word is that RC2/Polar Lights has decided to release the new Ford GT40 kit, which had been said to be canceled. The 2005 Pontiac GTO should be in stores soon.

Scal motorsport will be collaborating with Revell to issue an upgrade kit for the C6 Corvette to convert it into a C6R race car, due out sometime in the fourth quarter of this year.

There is a rumor that Tamiya will do a model of the Maserati MC12 in 1/24. It is not known if this is a race car or a street version, hopefully a race car.

Fujimi has just released a curbside kit of the new Lamborghini Gallardo



M & S Hobbies has announced a new transkit to model a late 80's version IMSA Porsche. See their website for details: www.mshobbies.com.



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The Accurate Miniatures website announces two car kits. The Grand Sport Corvette is back! 24-0001 is the 1964 Sebring Coupe of Jim Hall and Roger Penske. Kit 24-0002 is a Grand Sport Roadster.



See www.accurate-miniatures.com.

Events

While there will be no NIMO show this year, CARS in Miniature is planning a replacement show. The First Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown will be held Sunday, August 14, at the Algonquin Township Office in Cary. It will be an NNL style event, the rest of the details are being worked out.

I just received the flyer for the 7th Annual Greater Minnesota Open NNL event, June 11, in Bloomington near the Mall of America.

See me for flyers or check the details on these and other events on the calendar page and our website.

Real World

From www.speedTV.com

Former Monaco and 24 Hours of Le Mans race winner Maurice Trintignant passed away last month at age 82. Trintignant, a Frenchman, scored several victories in the famed, pre-F1 "Grand Prix" era of the 1930's and 40's.



Trintignant was a factory Bugatti, Gordini and Ferrari driver, conquering Le Mans in 1954 for the Italian team alongside Argentinean Froilan Gonzalez. The following year, he took his Ferrari 625 to victory in F1's most prestigious race at Monte Carlo. In 1958, He obtained another landmark win at the 1958 Monaco GP.

Media

NASCAR modelers should check out www.internetmodeler.com. Go to the January and February 2005 back issues to see some good articles on detailing the Revell-Monogram kits of the Chevy Monte Carlo and the Dodge Intrepid.

The December 2004 issue of Model Cars includes a great feature piece on a fully detailed Gulf Ford GT40 that started with the Fujimi kit, with lots of tips and aftermarket parts. Check this out before you work on one of these kits.

A new website, www.modelsforfun.com, is in progress. It will offer tips and photos (see cover) when it is up, which should be soon.

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. Also we are again receiving the newsletter from RWIS (Rockford Wheels in Scale). Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

GTR Classifieds

Wanted: Halibrand quick change differential center section from the AMT Fiat Double Dragster. Need rear end parts but will buy/trade for a whole kit if necessary.

Travis Russ hailmars2@sbcglobal.net
Wanted: Hood for Monogram/Revell 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo kit. Also, a 1/32 scale surfboard. And color pictures from the 1965 Sebring, Ferrari330P #30, Graham Hill/Pedro Rodriguez.

Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

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GTR Update

The March meeting will be Saturday, March 19 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake.

After a brief delay, GTR has been renewed as a chapter of IPMS/USA for 2005. Thanks to all who renewed their membership, or who joined IPMS/USA, to allow us to fulfill our IPMS

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requirement. We encourage everyone to join IPMS/USA, see me for application forms. Or check out their webpage at www.ipmsusa.org

Last call for dues! If you had a \$ next to your name on the newsletter mailing label, that means I still need your 2005 dues! We have held the dues to \$15 for 2005, so please pay at the next meeting or mail to me. (make checks payable to me, not GTR as we do not have an account).

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

February GTR Meeting

The February GTR meeting was held 2/19/05 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. After the treasury report and mailbag, we discussed some future meetings. There will be no regular April meeting; instead we will have a club road trip to the Milwaukee NNL. June will be a meeting and barbeque at my house in Cary. We also discussed a possible road trip to the Redman Historic races at Road America instead of the July meeting. And we discussed this years NIMO event replacement, see the Events section of this issue.



Then it was on to Show and Tell. Among the highlights were:

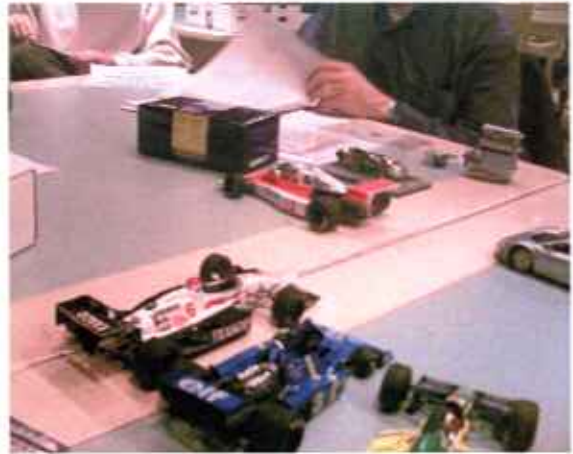


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Ron Spannraft: Tamiya 1/12 Lotus 78, built using Studio 27 decals.



in 1/24, and some recently purchased kits, the old IMC Lola T70, and a Formula Canada resin IMSA March83G-Chevy with the Red Lobster markings.



David Stone: an MPC 1/24 Gurney Indy Eagle kit, built since last meeting. A nice build of what David felt was a poor kit. Also two kits in progress: a Fujimi Ferrari 250 GTO, and a Bentley Blower 1930's Lemans car, a 1/12 kit by Airfix.

Doug Fisher: Fujimi Ferrari F40 IMSA racer. And some in progress kits, a Tamiya Nissan R390 GTI LeMans car, a Monogram Ford Mustang GTP IMSA racer, a Tamiya DTM Mercedes in the Original Tiele decals, and a Fisher resin Ferrari 512.



Scott Kohler: a Competition Resins 2002 funny car body, I forgot to write down what kind.
Dave Edgecomb: 1/20 die cast F1 McLaren with added details, and with Studio 27 Marlboro decals added. Also a 1/32 Scalextric McCann Dodge Viper Speed GT slot car, a car sponsored by a company he used to work for.
Chuck Herrmann: three Tamiya 1/20 open wheel racers – the 1993 CART Indy Lola of Mario Andretti, the Tyrell P34 six0wheeler, and a Lotus 102D. Also a die cast VW W12 Nardo

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Interior Texture Spray Paint Comparison: Testors new Lacquer vs. Scale Motorsport *Faux Fabrix*

Scale Motorsports *Faux Fabrix*
#5500 Buff Beige 5 oz.

Testors Model Master Custom Lacquer
System
#28136 Fabric Tan 3 oz.

reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

When I needed to finish off the interiors of two recent projects at about the same time, I wanted to simulate a beige or tan cloth finish. While looking for the beige color of Scale Motorsports *Faux Fabrix*, which I had used previously, I came across the new textured interior *Model Master* lacquer by Testors. So I bought both, and used one on each project. Here is a comparison.

Both of these paints are aerosols that contain a mix of matte (flat) color and granules to produce a rough texture to simulate carpet or cloth fabric. They both build up in gradual light coats. That allows the modeler to vary the amount of texture to achieve the desired final result.

I had used the *Faux Fabrix* before, so I was familiar with its properties. It is a lacquer, it comes in a large 5 oz can, retailing for \$6-7.00. It is a lacquer, so it has a fairly strong odor. It goes on smoothly, as I mentioned you need to use light coats. For this project, the interior of a 65 Chevy convertible, I put on three coats until I felt it was textured enough. It dries quickly, you can touch it in about 20 minutes but like all sprays I let it cure overnight before handling it to build the interior assembly.

The Testors Model Master Fabric Tan is also a lacquer; it comes in the smaller 3 ounce can, like the other lines of Testors rattle cans. It retails for \$4-5.00. It has a stronger lacquer smell than the *Faux Fabrix*. It goes on a little heavier than the *Faux Fabrix*, also it is a little darker shade

of beige. I also applied three coats to the interior of a 65 Dodge Coronet hardtop. The final resulting texture is a bit "rougher" than the *Faux Fabrix*. Drying time was very similar to the *Faux Fabrix*.

In summary, both results were satisfactory. The Testors is darker in color and has more texture, but either will do the job. The results are dead flat in finish, and after three coats you can see as well as feel the texture. Not real cloth but it looks like it. In order to match the beige color on interior surfaces that are smooth, like vinyl or plastic (steering wheel for example), I used Testors Italian Sand. It was a little darker, it matched better in the interior painted with Testors paint, but it was the closest I could find in my paint bin. There probably are better matches if you look.

Some additional comments on using this texture paint:

Be sure to mask off any surfaces that need to be smooth when complete. I did not mask off the speedometer section of one dashboard, and when I painted over it in silver it certainly does not look like a metal finish. Unless maybe you want a pitted look, on a weathered or beater model.

Also be sure to mask any place that you plan to cover with Bare-Metal foil, or the surface will appear bumpy.

Plan ahead. If you want to represent vinyl seats or dash, do not use this. Mask off any section of door panels that are not to look like carpet or cloth.

The amount of paint applied can vary, depending on how much texture is needed. Floors can receive more coats than seats, to represent a difference between carpet and cloth.

One drawback to this paint is that, due to the texture, you cannot apply a wash or do drybrush weathering, because the paint sits on top of the texture instead of flowing into crevices or hitting the high spots. The result is not satisfactory.

Overall, these paints are a useful substitute for flocking, and used in the right places it improves the appearance of lots of model projects.

“More Than You Wanted To Know About ”

PAINT BRUSHES



Shape of Brush	Description and Usage	Media	Fiber
	“Bright” : Flat ferrule, short-length hairs, usually set in a long handle. Width and length of brush head about equal. For short, controlled strokes, and with thick or heavy color.	Oil Acrylic	Sable Mongoose Bristle Badger Synthetic
	“Fan”: flat ferrule, spread hairs. Natural hair is more suitable for soft blending, and synthetic works well for textural effects. Useful for smoothing and blending.	Oil Acrylic	Bristle Badger Synthetic
	“Filbert”: Thick, flat ferrule and oval-shaped medium to long hairs. Long handles. Natural hair is more suitable for blending.	Oil Acrylic	Sable Mongoose Bristle Badger Synthetic
	“Flat”: flat ferrule, square ended with medium to long hairs. Provides lots of color capacity and easy maneuverability. Use for sweeping strokes, on edge or for fine lines.	All media	Sable Mongoose Bristle Badger Synthetic
	“Pointed Round”: Narrower than standard round (see below). Round ferrule, sharply pointed tip. Natural hair holds sharper point. Use for fine lines, fine details, spotting and retouching.	All media	Sable Synthetic
	“Round”: Round ferrule, round or pointed tip. Useful for detail, wash, fills and thin to thick lines.	All media	All hairs Synthetic
	“Script/Liner”: Pointed, narrow brush with very long hair. Liners are shorter and narrower. Short handles, round ferrules. Large capacity. Useful for highlighting, outlining and long continuous strokes.	Oil Acrylic	Sable Ox Synthetic

GTR Event Calendar

2005

March 19 12 Hours of Sebring

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

April 9 Ferrari Club Literature, Art, Model Car and
Accessories Meet 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Continental Autosports
420 Ogden Ave. Hinsdale, IL

April 9-10 IPMS Sioux City Area Scale Modelers
Old Courthouse Museum Sioux Falls, SD
Lynn Aspass meraker@aol.com

April 10 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 16-17 10th Annual TamiyaCon
Tamiya USA Corporate Office
Mission Viejo, CA www.tamiyausa.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 jtmodel@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 7 25th Annual Swap and Contest
Hoosier Model Car Association
First Church of Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
indyhcma@hotmail.com

May 25 Indy 500 Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 8-19 24 Hours of LeMans

June 11 7th Greater Minnesota Open NNL
Comfort Inn Airport
Bloomington, MN
jkampmann@comcast.net

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June 9 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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

August 18 1st Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office
Cary, IL Details to come

September 10 Nordic Con IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

Sept 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
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October 1 The Show XI by IPMS/Will-Cook
James Hart/Millennium Cafetorium
Homewood, IL obviouschoice@juno.com
Ed Mate 915-478-4432

October 2 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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October 20-23
iHobby Expo Los Angeles, CA

October 29 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau, WI Joseph Drew j.drew@dwave.net

November 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
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November 12 23rd Annual Butch O'Hare Show
Details to be announced

December 4 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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