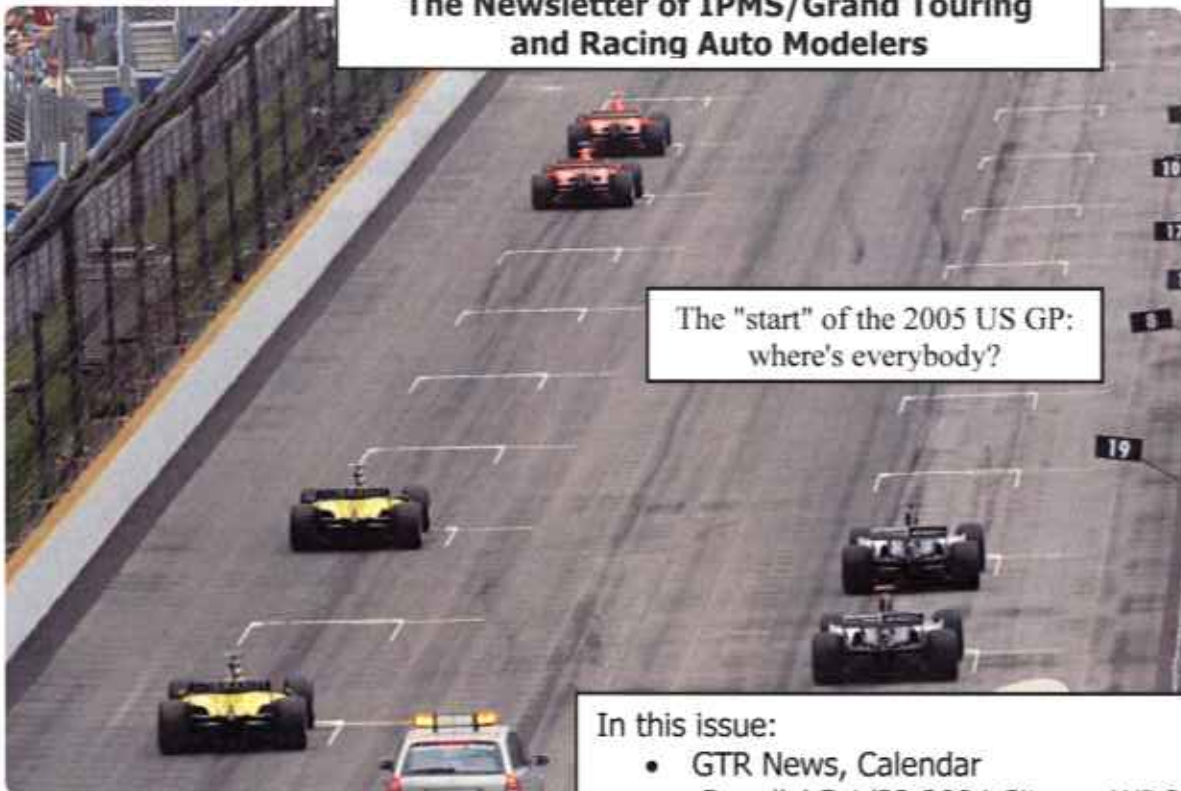




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The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring
and Racing Auto Modelers



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where's everybody?

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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2005 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: July 16, 2005

**David Stone's House
Algonquin, IL**

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by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

From a company called Acu-Stion (Japan), I saw a nice looking photo etch set of Twin Fuel Caps that would look good in a lot of race car applications. A new company to me, it looks like they have lots of other pieces as well.



Fujimi has announced a new 1/12 plastic full detail kit of the Nissan Skyline GT-R STP (1992). Kit # FUJ 14122. Price about \$150 US when/if it gets here.



For more details on both of these, see the Hobbylink Japan web site: www.hlj.com

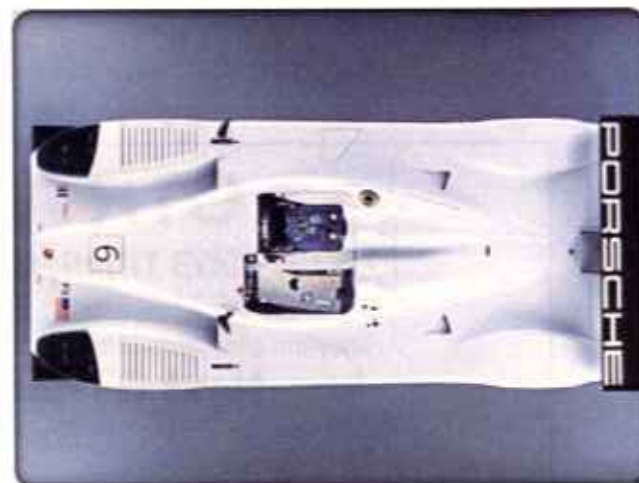
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Real World

After the fiasco that was the US GP at Indy last month, we will be watching to see what impact it has on Grand Prix racing in the US. The whole situation was a complicated mess, but they should have compromised and put on some kind of race with all the cars, since the fans were all ready there and they paid good money.

New Porsche Prototype

Here are some of the first photos of the new Porsche LMP2 Class prototype racer. It is expected to first race in the last two ALMS events of the season, run by a new Penske ALMS team.



Events

The First Annual Summer Meltdown is an NNL style event that is a replacement for the annual NIMO show. Date is August 14 at the Algonquin Township offices in Cary.

For details on all the events see the Calendar page.

GTR News

GTR Update

The morning before the June meeting, GTR put on a display as part of a 50s/60s theme social event at the Fountains of Crystal Lake, where we hold most of our meetings. We put on a model display, there were a lot of real classic cars outside, and appetizers and root beer floats were served to all.

The July meeting will be at David Stone's home in Algonquin. Start time will be the usual 7:00 PM. David has just learned he is being transferred to North Carolina, so this will be a sort of farewell to David. Bring some stuff to show, we will also be watching Victory by design CDs.

The First Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown, hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature, will be held Sunday, August 14. It will be at the Algonquin Township office in Cary, where they hold their meetings. It will be an NNL style event, with a swap meet outside. See the details elsewhere this issue.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (August, 2005) issue of the newsletter is July 31. Submissions are desperately needed.

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, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

June GTR Meeting

The June GTR meeting was 6/18/05 at my house in Cary. We did a tour of the model room, also my garage where the 1/1 red Super Beetle sits awaiting a new interior (and several other things). Then we enjoyed some burgers, brats and refreshments on a nice summer evening before moving in to hold the meeting.

During the business section, we heard the treasury report and mailbag. We agreed to move the July meeting to David Stone's home, instead of having a group outing to the Road America Historics. The August meeting location still needs to be decided.

Then it was on to show and tell. Among the highlights:

Ed Sexton: a nicely built Studio 27 1/20 resin kit of a Stewart Ford F1 car.



Chuck Herrmann: Besides the kit collection in the downstairs hobby room, 15 built up LeMans and ALMS sports car racers from 1964 thru 2000.



Tim Leicht: new 1/24 Revell AG kits, Ferrari 612, BMW Z#, BMW 325i and their 1/32 WRC rally cars. Also some 1/9 motorcycle kits. Also the Revell US 2005 Corvette C6.



Dave Edgecomb: Kits – Formula Canada 1/24 resin Lola T600, Revell Chaparral 2D reissue in progress with bodywork corrections. And a 1/18 die cast BMW 3.0 CSL Art Car, 1976 LeMans from Minichamps.



Doug Fisher: built kits – Tamiya Porsche 911 GT1 with carbon fiber test day decals, Revell Mustang IMSA in a phantom version with Blue Corral decals. And a Tamiya Porsche 962 in progress, with the body painted in the red and yellow Shell livery.

First Look: Revell AG 1/32 Citroen WRC Easykit

Subject: Citroen Xsara WRC

Manufacturer: Revell AG

Kit #: 07126 **Scale:** 1/32

Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann



The FIA World Rally Championship (aka WRC) is, outside the USA, an immensely popular racing series with races held in countries around the globe. Revell Germany has released a series of 1/32 scale kits of the leading cars that raced in the WRC in 2004.

This is another series in their 1/32 scale Easy Kit lineup, following previous kits such as their line of German Touring Car Championship (DTM) kits. If you have seen those kits, this model has the same design and features. It is pre-painted and pre-marked. There are 38 pieces in painted plastic, black plastic, clear and clear red and vinyl tires. The sturdy packaging has a clear acetate window to show the decorated body. Everything is nicely bagged. There are no decals, all the marking are already applied.

This is a curbside kit, with a generic flat chassis and a raised interior insert, all features that indicate this either was designed to be a 1/32 slot car body or to allow it to be converted easily.

Subject: This is a 2004 Citroen Xsara WRC race car. In 2004, the Citroen factory team won the Manufacturers Championship and their lead driver, Sebastian Loeb of France, was the World Rally Champion. Their second driver, veteran Carlos Sainz from Spain, finished fourth in the final season standings. Sainz retired after the 2004 season with the most wins in the history of the WRC.

The body of this kit comes finished with all the marking of the car driven by Sainz in the Rally of Mexico in 2004. In that event, Sainz finished on the podium in 3rd place, behind the two factory Ford Focus. Interestingly, it does include the Corona beer logos. Maybe the Europe market is not so politically correct. The red is gloss plastic, with the blue and white areas painted on. And the numbers and sponsor logos are either pre applied decals or painted on. The markings look accurate to photos I saw on the web for this race.



The body is mostly one piece, with the rear wing, hood and roof scoops all being separate pieces. The front grill and mirrors are separate parts that push into mounting holes. Two plastic roof antennas are also included. The windshield wipers are molded in, they look a little too thick but are solid if this is used on a slot car.

The clear windshield is one piece that snaps into the underside of the roof. The black window trim is already painted on, along with the car number, logos and drivers name. The clear front headlight lenses and the clear red taillight lenses snap into the mounting holes in the body.



The interior is a flat insert that mounts up under the roof of the body. This would allow it to be used on a slot car and a leave room for the mechanicals underneath. The seat bottoms are molded in, the short backs are separate. The roll cage is one piece that is bent into shape and inserted in the four holes in the floor insert. It comes painted silver.



The plastic spoked wheels come painted white, and snap into soft vinyl tires that are mounted on metal axles. The wheels are not quite correct as they do not match the pictures of the real car at the Mexico rally. The tires have a slight tread pattern molded in, but there is no sidewall detail (the real car ran Michelin and the Michelin Man logo appears on the decorated body).

While I have not yet built this kit, everything looks good and it test fits nicely. If their prior DTM race car kits are any indicator this should build up into a nice shelf model of a car driven by one of the best WRC drivers ever.

Sainz Update: While he is retired from the WRC, Volkswagen has announced that Sainz will be driving one of the five factory backed VW Touregs that will be entered in next year's Dakar rally.

1st Annual “Summer Plastic Meltdown” Show

**Sunday August 14th 2005
Algonquin Township
Building, Crystal Lake
Illinois**

You are cordially invited to attend the first annual Summer Plastic Meltdown hosted by IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature and IPMS/GTR Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers, co-organizers of the Northern Illinois Modelers Open (NIMO). The first annual Summer Plastic Meltdown is the first all new forum for multi- subject plastic scale modelers in our area.

We patterned this show after numerous successful “NNL” style automotive model shows. Our show is not a competitive show in a traditional sense, however, it offers a forum for the scale modeler to display his or her work for others to enjoy and appreciate. We will bestow (with the help of your fellow modelers), “Peoples Choice” awards for Best Automotive, Best Military Vehicle, Best Aircraft, Best Science Fiction and Best Ship category (all scales, all types for each category). Every person entering the show will have a chance to decide which model will win the “People’s Choice award” in each category.

There is no limit to the number of models you may display; bring as many models as you like ---we will provide 8’ tables on risers for your viewing pleasure. Admission is \$5.00 per person all ages at the door which includes a pizza lunch (soda and bottled water will be available to purchase). As an added feature we are offering free vending/swap space in our parking lot for the great Summer Plastic Meltdown “trunk sale”. Show-goers and vendors are invited to sell and swap out of their vehicle’s trunk, come rain or shine*

Who: IPMS C.A.R.S. In Miniature and IPMS GTR

What: 1st Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown show

When: Sunday, August 14th 2005
10:00AM until 3:00PM

Where: Algonquin Township Offices,
3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake,
Illinois 60014

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Call for directions or find us on
Mapquest. www.mapquest.com

* Vendors will be required to sign a
Hold Harmless agreement as a
condition of participation in the
Summer Plastic Meltdown trunk sale.
Vendor setup 9:00AM

GTR Event Calendar

2005

July 14-17 Brian Redman International Challenge
Historic Races
Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

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

August 7 NASCAR Allstate 400 at the Brickyard
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

August 14 1st Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office
Cary, IL Details to come

August 21 Road America 500 ALMS
Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

September 10 Nordic Con IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

September 17-18 Vintage Racing Weekend
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

Sept 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

September 25 46th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Swap: 630-969-1847
Contest: 630-268-0859

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
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
(formerly Hillside) www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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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