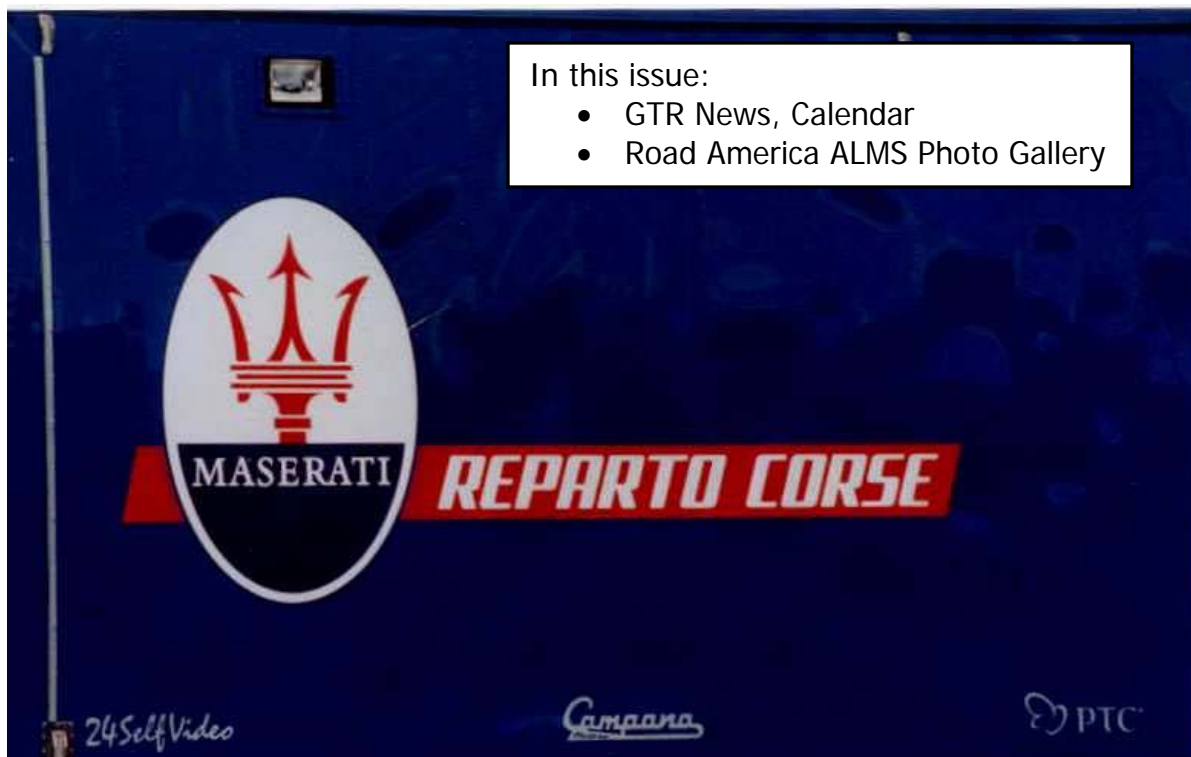




GTR Newsletter

October 2005

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

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

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

Next GTR Meeting: October 15, 2005

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176 in Crystal Lake, IL

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

An announcement from M & S Hobbies: **M & S Hobbies** is pleased to announce a partnership with a new company in the resin transkit world. **BHP Enterprises**.

BHP Enterprises first resin transkit is of the 1997 "Allsport" Trans-Am Mustang of Tommy Kendall.



The transkit includes the correct 1997 body, wheels, vacuformed glass, roll cage pieces, decal sheet, etc. The donor kit used is the Revell Trans-Am Camaro. Photo is of the prototype body and the decal sheet.

The transkit should be available in late September early October. We are currently taking pre-orders on our website. Just click on 1/24 Trans-Am Mustang at www.mshobbies.com.

Real (??) World



More than \$60 million worth of automobiles were sold in just a few days at auctions in Monterey, CA. Highlighting the Pebble Beach Auction was the sale of the 1967 Ferrari 275 GTS/4 NART Spyder for US\$3.96 million. And this 1966 Volkswagen Campmobile went well above its auction estimate of \$20,000 - \$30,000 to eventually sell at \$99,000.



Unser Family Racing Museum

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - When one family wins the Indianapolis 500 a whopping nine times, there's bound to be plenty of souvenirs in the attic.

Now, the Unsers - Al, Bobby, Little Al and a few other relatives - have a place to display all those fast cars, shiny trophies and racing knickknacks.

Even better, they're sharing with fans.

The 1,200-square-metre Unser Racing Museum opens Monday, (9/26/05) a five-year project spearheaded by Al Unser Sr. - a.k.a. Big Al, a four-time winner at Indy.

"We've got people coming in from all around to take a look. It sure makes us feel very proud," he said.

The \$8-million US museum was funded with private donations and \$2.8 million from the New Mexico Legislature. It's located in the heart of Albuquerque, hometown of the Unsers.

It's filled with cars, of course. The signature exhibit features the Johnny Lightning Special, which Big Al drove to victory at the Brickyard in 1971.

The museum also features cars driven by Bobby Unser, a three-time Indy 500 winner and two-time Indy 500 champion Al Unser Jr. Then there are hundreds of trophies, racing suits, helmets and photographs.

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. Also I have received a newsletter from the Maryland Automotive Modelers Association (MAMA) club.

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

Events:

Rockford Wheels in Scale has announced that their 7th Annual Classic Plastic contest and swap will be January 29, 2006 in Rockford, IL.

On October 20, the iHobby Expo will take place in Los Angeles, CA, instead of the previous site at the Rosemont Convention Center. It will alternate between Rosemont and LA, so it will be back in the Chicago area next year.

The 23rd annual Butch O'Hare Show will be November 12, in Darien, IL.

See the Events calendar for details and for all the events I know of.

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GTR Update

The October meeting of GTR was to be at Doug Fisher's home in Elmhurst. **However, due to illness in the family Doug will be unable to host the meeting. So we are back to the usual location and time, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake, 7:00 pm**

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (November, 2005) issue of the newsletter is October 30. Submissions are desperately needed.

September GTR Meeting

The September GTR meeting was 9/17/05 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake.

During the business section, we heard the treasury report and mailbag. Then we determine the meeting locations for the balance of the year. Doug Fisher offered to host the October meeting at his home in Elmhurst, then we will hold the November meeting at the regular location, The Fountains of Crystal Lake. In December we will again join the IPMS/CARS in Miniature club for a Christmas meeting at their location at the Algonquin Township office in Cary, on the second Saturday (12/10) instead of our usual third Saturday.

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

Ed Sexton: four modeling magazines, 4 *Small Wheels* plus some foreign publications.

Chuck Herrmann: two sets of 1/72 VW pickups and vans, also a Monogram Porsche 924 Trans Am and a Revell 1969 Camaro "rat rod" in progress

John Schaefer: two NASCAR projects, a Dodge resin body and a Revell Taurus body.

Dave Edgecomb: 1/24 Fujimi Lamborghini Murciago and Gallardo kits, two resin kits of the Ferrari Daytona 1972 LeMans, by Historic Racing Miniatures and Scale Designs. Also Speedline's Porsche 956-62 detail set.

Ken Zinnen: Tameo 1/43 kits – 1979 Shadow F1, and a Minardi 1992 F1

Doug Fisher: a can of Halford's white primer from England. Two built kits: Tamiya Porsche in the Shell color scheme, and a Fisher resin Ferrari 512 Sunoco. Also the latest progress on his Tamiya Nissan 390 LeMans racer.

GTR Classifieds:

Want to trade a Tamiya Ferrari 360 Spider for a Ferrari 360 Modena. Contact:

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Road America 500 ALMS

8/20/2005

Photo Gallery





GTR Event Calendar

2005

October 20-23 iHobby Expo
Los Angeles Convention Center LA, CA
www.ihobbyexpo.com

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

November 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 12 23rd Annual Butch O'Hare Show
Lakeview Jr HS
Darrien, IL
John wendt jwendt001@aol.com
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December 4 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

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National Conventions:

August 2-5, 2006 Kansas City, MO

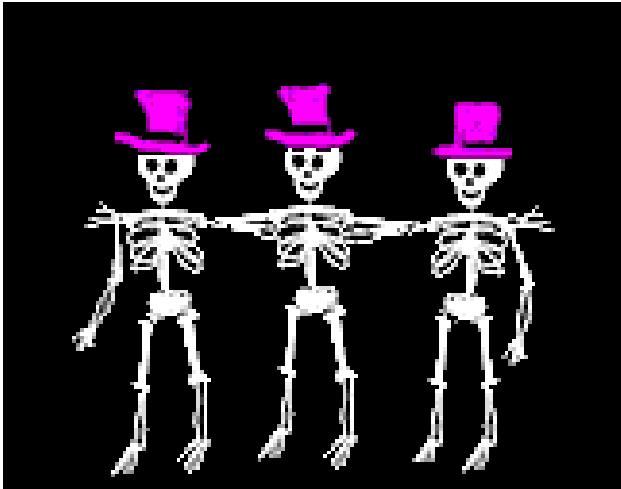
August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

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