

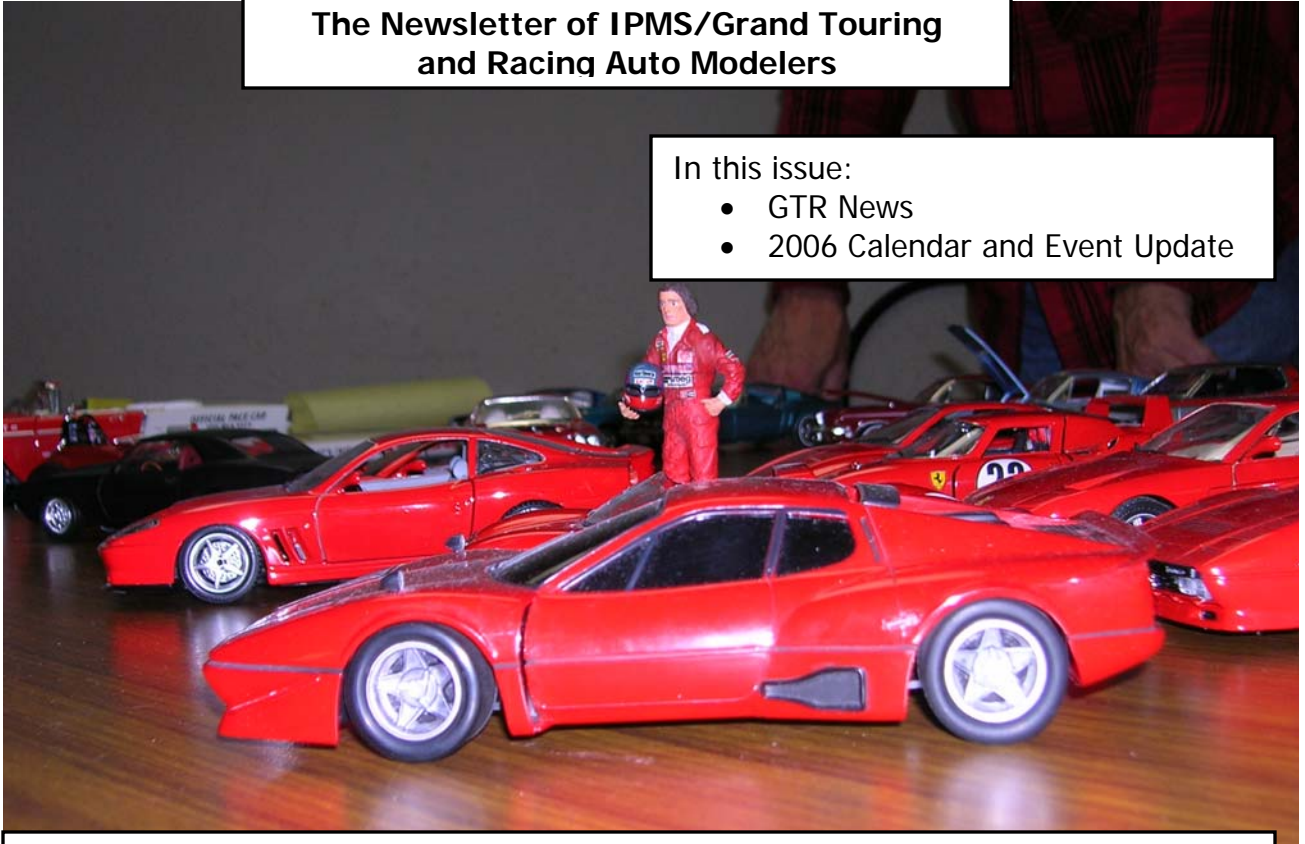
GTR Newsletter

January 2006

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

2006 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: January 21, 2006

At The Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

An American driver is back in Formula One racing for the first time in more than a decade
(www.foxsports.com)

Scott Speed, a 22-year-old Californian, was named Tuesday to drive next season for F1 team Scuderia Toro Rosso (formerly Minardi). He's the first American in the series since Michael Andretti in 1993. He won the British Formula 3 title in 2003, and both the German and Eurocup Formula Renault championships last year. This season he raced with Red Bull in GP2 - the circuit just below Formula One.

Americans have had scant success in F1. Michael Andretti managed only a third-place finish in 13 races in 1993 for McLaren. His father, Mario, was the most successful American in F1, winning 12 times in 128 races and taking the season title in 1978. Only one other American has won the series title - Phil Hill in 1961. A few others have made a mark in F1 - Dan Gurney, Peter Revson, Richie Ginther and Eddie Cheever.

Toro Rosso will be the feeder team in F1 for Red Bull Racing. Red Bull purchased the old Minardi team a few months ago, and renamed it Toro Rosso (Red Bull in Italian). Like Minardi, which entered 340 races over two decades without ever winning, Toro Rosso will also be a tail-end team.

Audi Diesels for LeMans

Audi has launched their next generation LeMans car, the diesel V12 powered R10.



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) Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Lake Michigan Model Car Club and Dew Line from the Upper Peninsula (MI) Scale Modelers.

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

Events:

The Rockford Wheels in Scale club will host the 7th Annual Classic Plastic Contest and Swap on January 29, the theme is Station Wagons. GTR will have a table in the vendor room, members can bring in their stuff to sell or just hang out.

In 2006 the Tri-State Collectors Toy Show (formerly the Hillside event) will move from Tinley Park to Countryside, IL. The spring event will also combine a 43rd Collectors Club show at the site where the last several Strictly 43rd shows were held.

We are awaiting confirmation and final details on a contest to be held in conjunction with the annual Ferrari collectibles show at Continental Motors in Hinsdale, on April 1.

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

GTR Classifieds:

Want to trade a Tamiya Ferrari 360 Spider for a Ferrari 360 Modena. Contact:
Les Whitfield - lwhitfield@hotmail.com

Wanted: Decals for the NASCAR US Marines sponsored car of several years ago.
Chuck Herrmann - gtrchab@yahoo.com

GTR News

GTR Update

GTR has successfully renewed our charter as a chapter of IPMS/USA for 2006. Members, please make sure I have your most recent address and IPMS/USA status. We need at least five national IPMS members to renew our charter, and we barely make that number. So if you have lapsed please consider renewing. If you are not an IPMS/USA member, I encourage you to join the largest national modeling organization in the country. Let me know if you do, or see the IPMS/USA website at:

www.ipmsusa.org

The January meeting of GTR will be at The Fountains of Crystal Lake on January 21. We will need to take care of some business, primarily pick a new president and a new vice president for 2006, as Tim and John will be stepping down. Anyone who wants to serve in any capacity let me know before the meeting if you cannot attend. Also, any ideas for club activities or meetings are welcome.

Late last year, Doug Fisher collected a pile of model kits and hobby supplies from several GTR members and shipped them over to the troops in Iraq. Since several more members expressed a desire to donate more, we collected stuff at the December joint meeting with CARS. Here is a picture of the second pile of kits that went out to Iraq.



The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (February) issue of the newsletter is February 2. Submissions are **desperately** needed.

December GTR Meeting

As we have done for the past several years, the December GTR meeting was a joint meeting with IPMS/CARS in Miniature, at their location on 11/19/05 at the Algonquin Township offices in Cary, IL. Several GTR members attended. In addition to the business and show and tell, there was a raffle to which GTR made a donation. Also lots of Christmas goodies were consumed. Thanks to CARS for having us.

Here are some pictures from the meeting.



Goodie Table



Raffle Table



The theme was collections, here are a few:



Mustangs



Pace Cars



HO racers



Ferraris

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:
August 2-5, 2006 Kansas City, MO
August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA
2008 – TBA – East Region location

GTR 2006 Event Calendar

December 31 – January 15 Dakar Rally 2006
Lisbon, Portugal to Dakar, Senegal

January 15 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

January 29 7th Annual Classic Plastic
Model Contest and Swap Meet
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken Rock Community Center, Rockford IL
Dan Myers dfmyers@aeroinc.net

January 28-29 Rolex 24 Hours
Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL F
Rolex Grand American Series

February 4 Hope It Don't Snow Show
IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Stewartville Civic Center Stewartville, MN
Ed St. Denis edwardstdenis@msn.com

February 19 NASCAR Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL

February 24-25 IPMS/Pathfinders
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Michael Rechlicz 608-845-7699
phantomhobbies@yahoo.com

February 26 Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL
630-993-0883

March 4 Hobbytown USA Contest
Hosted by Wittman IPMS Club
Appleton, WI

March 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 11-12 Toledo swap and NNL

March 18 Mobil1 Twelve Hours of Sebring
Sebring, Florida American LeMans Series

March 18 LOCON 2006 IPMS/Ft Crook
Mid America Center Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Cavel mcavel@tconl.com

March 18 11th Annual Show
IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim turek jjtmodel@yahoo.com

March 26 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
With the 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall
Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 25 IPMS/Quad Cities
Holiday Inn Convention Center Davenport, IA
Glen Broman grbroman@aol.com

March 25-26 Mall Show/Toy & Farm Expo
IPMS/South Central Modelers
Fairmont Mall Fairmont, MN
Dan Bauer cinderjoe@hotmail.com

March 26 Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
Kevin Burns kib599@yahoo.com

April 22 Milwaukee NNL hosted by AMG
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI
Theme: That 70's NNL

April 22 IPMS Plastic Surgeons
Valley Church West Des Moines, IA
Greg Matge gmggha@mchsi.com

April 23 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Model Car
Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI.

May 6 IPMS/Duneland
Willowcreek Middle School
Portage, IN
Ron Fraser rsf2020@comcast.com

August 2-5 IMPS/USA National Convention
Kansas City, KS
www.ipmsusa.org

September 17 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 21 IPMS/Bong Event
Details TBD

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Robbie Gordon's Hummer takes
on the Dakar Rally



Happy New Year from GTR Auto Modelers!

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