



# GTR Newsletter

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## GTR Auto Modelers

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

**2007 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Next GTR Meeting: March 17, 2007**

**Fountains of Crystal Lake**

**On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176**

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# GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News

Scale Motorsports has announced their first complete kits. The Shelby Cobra Daytona Coupe is a resin cast kit with lots of detail parts.



The Corvette C6-R is based on the recent Revell kit with a lot of additional detail pieces. You can pre-order now to be available soon. Check out their website at: [www.scalemotorsport.com](http://www.scalemotorsport.com)



We have news that Hornby, the parent corporation of Scalelectrix, the slot car racing manufacturer, has bought Airfix, who went into bankruptcy last year. Details on what will be released should be forthcoming.

## Real World



### New Honda Livery

The 2007 Honda F1 car will race without any major corporate logos. To support awareness of environmental issues it will feature a paint scheme that represents the plant Earth. This looks like it will be a real challenge to do as a model.

## Events

The Ferrari Expo on March 17 at Continental Motorsports in Hinsdale will again host a model car show this year. Last year was the first year, this year the event should be bigger. As part of their annual Ferrari and Italian sports car enthusiasts' event, the models in the contest are limited to sports and formula racing cars, also exotic sports cars and imports, since this is the interest of the event promoters. This year a photo contest (8x10) of these subjects has been added. (note: the motorcycle class announced earlier has been dropped.)

GTR will have a table, we have been asked to provide some volunteers to help out with supporting the show, let me know if you are interested. Besides the model show, there is a swap meet of models along with road racing and Italian sports car memorabilia. And it is held in a Ferrari and Maserati dealership, so the real cars in the showroom and outside are great, too.

The 8th Classic Plastic event hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale and originally scheduled for Sunday, January 28, has been rescheduled to Sunday March 18. It will be at the same location, the Ken Rock Community Center in Rockford. The contest theme is Famous Automobiles, movie, TV or famous person's automobiles. GTR will have a table in the vendor area.

This weekend looks to be a busy one for GTR guys as we will have our regular meeting for March on the 17<sup>th</sup> as well!

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

# GTR News

## GTR Update

The March meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. Earlier that day we will be involved in the Ferrari Expo event in Hinsdale, and the next day we will have a GTR table at the Classic Plastic event in Rockford so it will be a busy weekend for GTR. We will be helping to manage the model contest at the Ferrari Expo, so we ask as many members as possible attend for at least part of the time to help out. All members can bring some stuff for the club swap table at the Rockford show, look for us in the swap room.

In April there will be no regular meeting as the Milwaukee NNL falls on the same date. So once again we will go north and have a GTR table on display at the show. The May meeting will be back at the Fountains. If anyone has any ideas for future meetings please let me know.

The dues for 2007 will remain at \$15, please pay me at the meeting or send a check (made out to me, not GTR as we have no account). Also, I urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line. Our website is rather basic, as are my webmaster skills, but if you go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://www.carsandracingstuff.com), click on Library, Browse Topics G-O, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

## Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Back Porch Modelers Group, Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS Racing Plastic Modelers (RPM) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

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

## February GTR Meeting

The February meeting was held on February 17, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. During the business portion, we reviewed the Treasury Report, talked about some of the upcoming events, firmed up the March and May meetings at the Fountains, passed around photos of the GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter

Mercedes Benz Museum in Stuttgart (thanks to reader Ulli Waschowski) and heard President Ed's description of it as he had visited there just a week earlier. Ed also passed out some new Revell catalogs, we talked about some new releases, and it was on to Show and Tell.

It was our Build-a-Bike club project night, and there were 14 motorcycle kits either built or in progress on the tables, a nice turnout. Several Revell choppers were shown as well as some Tamiya motorcycles.



Here are pictures of some of the stuff on display.

Gary Dobson: Tamiya Ducatti 999 motorcycle kit, two 1/32 vintage slot cars, the 1967 Indy STP Turbine car and an early Ford GT.





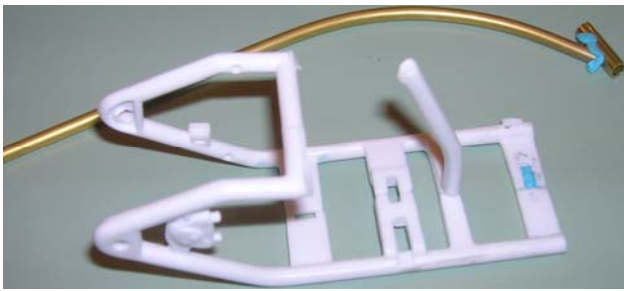
Michael Larsen: Tamiya Yamaha 2005 Moto GP racing bike with some aftermarket pieces.



Ken Zinnen: three chopper in progress, with some heavy modifications such as forks and gas tanks, one with most of a new frame. We await seeing these completed, should be pretty neat..



Tim Leicht: a Torch chopper, box stock with nice Tamiya Dark Blue paint. And a Tamiya Honda racing bike.



Steve Jahnke: Maisto diecast kit of the Ducati 999, two diecast BMW motorcycles. Also a Heller Porsche 911 kit in progress with a nice paint finish of Zanzibar Red.



George Pritzen: four of the old MPC 1/25 custom trike kits that have been recently reissued.



Chuck Herrmann: three finished Revell choppers. Yellow Crusader with scratchbuilt coffin gas tank and sissy bar, Turquoise Aces Wild, mostly dechromed with added fender fin and front fender

fill, another Aces Wild box stock in rat rod colors and a Tamiya Yamaha YZF.



## Building the First Trans Am Pole Position Winner

By Chuck Herrmann



Above: the real thing. March 25, 1966

Below: the finished model. January 2007.



The early years of the Trans Am Series have become legendary in the minds of American road racing fans. American pony cars, such as Mustangs, Camaros and Barracudas, modified from the street versions, battled it out on famous road courses. Most of the well known heroes from all forms of racing appeared in the series. The book *Trans Am: the Pony Car Wars 1966-72* by Dave Friedman is a great reference that captures the history of these years. (see my review in the February 2002 GTR newsletter).

While researching my project to do the first ever Trans Am race winner (the Alfa Romeo Giulia Sprint GTA of Jochen Rindt), I came across other photos in the book, including one of the first pole position winner and the first lap leader in Trans Am history. I have been an AJ Foyt since he won the first race I ever attended, the Springfield, IL 100 miler on the one mile dirt oval for USAC Champ Cars in 1967. At the same time I saw these photos I had just read about the AMT reissue of the 1966 Mustang hardtop in their Resto Rod series, so next time I was in the hobby shop I picked up the kit and started to build this historic car.

The kit needed to be modified by cutting out the rear seats and filling it in with sheet plastic. The kit supplies a basic roll bar, I built this into a cage with plastic tubing. A shifter was added from the parts box. I used photoetch buckles and masking tape for the seat belts.

From a Lindberg 1964 Plymouth Petty NASCAR kit, I used the fire extinguisher, racing seat, wheels and tires and exhaust. Since I was

doing a curbside, the engine is unfinished on top and the hood glued shut. The metal axles run thru the oil pan in the kit's 60's design. I did add the exhausts to the engine because they are very evident on the finished car and they needed some place to mount.



The body did not need many changes. I left off the front bumper, sanded the clear headlights and painted them to make the covers, and added a gas cap on the trunk lid from the parts box. Bare Metal foil was used for the chrome, the paint is Testors Gloss White enamel from a rattle can. The stripes and tire markings are from a Cady sheet, adapted from the fastback body style. I was able to find most of the contingency decals from various sheets. The Gulf and Fram stickers are from an Auto World sheet from 1978 and they went on perfectly! I am still looking for few to finish it off.



I am satisfied with the final results. Since I never found a color photo I hope the dark blue stripes are correct. I could have enlarged the wheel openings a bit, but decided to keep it simple and it makes a good shelf model.

# Ferrari Superamerica in 1/24 by Revell of Germany

## Kit #07391

reviewed by Gerry Nilles

from Internet Modeler February 2007  
see the article and additional photos on:  
[www.internetmodeler.com](http://www.internetmodeler.com)



History: The history of the Ferrari Superamerica dates back to the 1956-1961 time period when this unusual convertible sports car first made its appearance. Like its predecessor the new Ferrari Superamerica, a variant of the 575M Maranello, is a very unusual convertible. Produced in 2005



as a limited edition of only 559 units this vehicle touts some of the most sophisticated technological features ever seen on an automobile.

The Superamerica, which is powered by a twelve cylinder 540 bhp engine coupled to an optional Formula 1 transmission boasts exceptional performance as is demonstrated by its ability to go from 0 to 100 km/h (0 to 60 mph) in 4.25 seconds. Its unique transmission can be used in the automatic or manual mode as well as "normal" or "sports" at the driver's discretion. Likewise its suspension is state of the art and can be adjusted to sporty or comfort at the flick of a switch. However, and without a doubt, the most high-tech feature on the Superamerica has got to be its "electronically controlled color change" convertible top. This unknown feature is a first of its kind ever used on a production automobile. Similar to the idea of eyeglasses that darken to

sunlight the "Revocromico" top can be electronically adjusted from clear to almost black at the driver's command. Overall the car has been designed as "user friendly" and is very easy to drive.

Kit: The highly detailed Revell of Germany 1/24th scale Ferrari Superamerica kit comes molded in gray and red plastic. Accuracy looks good to this reviewer. Typical of Revell of Germany the kit includes a very nicely done power train assembly including a detailed engine/transmission and rear differential and axle. If desired this assembly looks to easily lend itself to additional super detailing. Likewise the interior is very nicely done. A piece of black screening is provided along with a template of shapes that are required to cover the side vents, the hood intake and the left rear fender intake. The hood is molded separately and can be left in either the open or closed position. Overall the kit is molded crisply with little if any clean up or filling needed. The instruction sheet is equally well done and easy to follow.

Markings: There are not a great number of decals with this kit, however attention to the instruction as to placement and sequence should be observed, especially with the engine and other internal markings. Of course the decal sheet also includes the traditional items such as the Ferrari logos, license plates etc. As for the quality of these markings the registration looks good and traditionally Revell's decals are of high quality. Conclusion:



The Revell of Germany 1/24th scale Superamerica looks to be a very good kit of a rare and interesting Ferrari. Kit details include both a nicely detailed power train and interior. You Ferrari fans should be very happy with this kit.

# 2007 GTR Event Calendar

March 10 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Contest & Swap  
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner  
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis, IN  
[www.ipmsroscoeturner.org](http://www.ipmsroscoeturner.org)

March 11 Cedarville Model Car Swap and Contest  
430 W. Washington, Cedarville IL

March 17 Mobil 12 Hours of Sebring  
IMSA America LeMans Series

March 17 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest  
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL

March 17 PMS/Fort Crook LOCON 2007  
Mid America Center, Council Bluffs IA  
Jay Chaldek [JMChaldek@aol.com](mailto:JMChaldek@aol.com)

March 18 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Plastic  
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale  
Ken rock Community Center, Rockford IL  
[dfmyers@aeroincc.net](mailto:dfmyers@aeroincc.net)

March 24 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Model Show & Contest  
IPMS/South Central Modelers  
Five Lakes Center, Fairmount, MN  
Dan Bauer, [cinderjoe@hotmail.com](mailto:cinderjoe@hotmail.com) 507-427-2729

March 25 Collectors Classic w/1/43 Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 31 IPMS/Quad Cities  
Clarion Hotel, Davenport, IA  
Glen Broman 309-523-3671

April 14 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Contest  
Hosted by IPMS/Plastic Surgeons  
West des Moines, IA  
[www.ipmsplastic/surgeions.com](http://www.ipmsplastic/surgeions.com)  
Glen Metge [gmgaha@mchsi.com](mailto:gmgaha@mchsi.com)

April 21 Milwaukee NNL 15  
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group  
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI  
Theme: Flames

April 21 IPMS/Mad City Modelers  
Radison Inn, Madison WI  
JimTurek [jjtmodel@yahoo.com](mailto:jjtmodel@yahoo.com)

April 22 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
Waukesha Cty Expo Cntr, Waukesha WI  
Joan dunn 262-646-4114

May 5 IPMS/Duneland  
Willowbrook middle School, Portage IN  
Bryan Warchus 219-762-9600

May 3-6 Great Salt Lake ChampionshipGSL-XXI  
Salt Lake City, UT  
[Www.gslchampionship.org](http://Www.gslchampionship.org)

May 27 Indianapolis 500  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 9 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Minnesota Open NNL  
Comfort Inn Airport/Outback Steakhouse,  
Bloomington, MN  
[JKampmann@comcast.net](mailto:JKampmann@comcast.net)

June 8-9 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
Hosted by IPMS SPASM  
Knights of Columbus Hall Ottawa, IL  
Auto Theme: 40 Years of Camaros and Firebirds  
Steve Stohr 815-434-7297  
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June 17 US Grand Prix  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 17-18 LeMans 24 Hours  
LeMans, France

July 19-22 Redman Challenge Vintage  
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI  
[www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)

August 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Plastic Summer Meltdown  
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature  
Algonquin Township Office, Cary, IL

August 11 Road America ALMS  
August 12 Road America Champ Car  
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 22-25 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim CA  
[www.ipmsusa2007.org](http://www.ipmsusa2007.org)

September 15 IPMS/Gateway  
First Baptist Church, St. Louis MO  
Chris Merseal 314-832-4840

Sept 16 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)



October 7 Collectors Classic w/1/43 Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 13 Toledo NL and Swap

October 13 IPMS Glue Crew  
Howard Johnson's, Wausau WI  
Joe Drew 715-842-4840

October 18-21 iHobby Expo  
Donald E Stephens Conv Center, Rosemont, IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

Nov 4 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA  
2008 – Virginia Beach, VA  
2009 – TBA - Central US  
2007 Region 5 Convention:  
June 8-9, Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM



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