



GTR Newsletter

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Best Automotive Winner at the
IPMS Region 5 Convention:
1/43 Eagle-Weslake

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: July 21, 2007

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

Industry News



Studio 27 has released a curbside multi-media kit of the Honda NSX run by the Kremer team at LeMans in 1994.

Media

There is a new modeling magazine, *Model X*. They had a booth at the Region 5 convention where I got to see a sample copy. It features lots of high quality photos, with an emphasis on building and technique. The sample featured mostly military subject matter but they may include auto subjects if articles are submitted. Check out: www.modelx.com

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), IPMS/Quad Cities and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

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

Events

The Summer Plastic Meltdown event, hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature that was scheduled for August 11 in Crystal Lake, IL has been postponed.

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

Random Thoughts

by Les Whitfield

In the March 2007 GTR newsletter, there was a reprint of a review of the Revell Ferrari Super America, kit 07391. I just wanted to add something I found interesting. The body is molded in the obligatory red; however, the hood

of the model is molded in gray plastic. Of course any real modeler is going to paint it, but, it just seems odd.

Regarding Ferrari, an Italian court has found two former Ferrari employees guilty of industrial espionage. As reported in the May 2, 2007 issue of *National Speed Sport News*, Mauro Iacconi and Angelo Santini were accused of allegedly taking Ferrari F-1 technology secrets to Toyota. Their sentences have been suspended but their lawyers plan to appeal.

A report in a recent copy of *National Speed Sport News*, also reported in *Automotive News*, mentions that the 2009 Buick LaCrosse is being partly designed in China. The reason? Buick sells more of them in China than in the U.S.!

Daimler is selling the majority of its control in Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management, but, not everything. Daimler will maintain a 19.9% share in Chrysler.

As some of you know there is a change to low sulfur diesel fuel to allow European diesel engines to operate in the US and to improve air quality. This began on January 1 of 2007. Well, speaking to friends in the trucking industry and owners of diesel vehicles, they told me this diesel fuel has its own form of octane rating. It has been 40 for years. It is now 34. That is a drop of 15%. My friends Ford Excursion dropped from 20 MPG to 16 MPG, or a loss of 20%. People I know driving long haul trucks have also noticed a drop in power. That is a problem going over mountains. Those of you with flexi fuel vehicles, mostly mini vans, know the drop in MPG from gasoline (or in this area gasohol) to E85 is probably greater.

Toy Replica Act

House Bill 4806, Military Toy Replica Act., has passed the House of Representatives and is going to the Senate. Passage of this Bill will "prohibit defense contractors from requiring licenses of fees for use of military likenesses or designation." It will specifically provide exemptions for U.S.-based hobby and toy companies involved in the development, marketing, and sale of assembled or unassembled replicas of U.S. military hardware.

For more than fifty years, military aircraft, ships, and vehicle design and designations have been in the public domain and free from licensing restraints as the actual subjects were contracted and fully funded by the U.S. Government on behalf of the U.S. citizenry. Recently, major U.S. Defense contractors or their designated licensing agents have begun programs to appropriate these federally-assigned type designations (i.e.

P-51, P-38, B-17, B-52), associated names (i.e. "Mustang", "Lightning", "Flying Fortress", "Stratofortress"), and likenesses into intellectual property for corporate gain through royalty income from readily-recognized names and likenesses.

Unfortunately for us "car guys", this will not do much for us since it addresses publicly owned names. In the automotive modeling world, since the trademarks are privately held by companies who developed them at their own expense, they can continue to charge licensing fees to allow model makers to use their trademarks. We have seen this already (lack of Goodyear tire markings and decals in current kits).

Therefore, for automotive model kits we can expect to continue to see:

- 1.) Increase product costs at all levels of distribution
- 2.) Reduce access to a wide variety of available product as low-volume subjects will be deleted or eliminated as they will no longer be financially viable.
- 3.) Significantly increased new product development cycles and costs due to the unwarranted burden of new licensing requirements.
- 4.) Kits using more generic components and being sold without accurate decals or logos.

IPMS News

There will be an increase in chapter dues this year. Annual chapter dues to IPMS/USA will go from \$10 to \$20 during the fall renewal process. This is the first increase since GTR formed in 1999, so it is probably overdue.

Vote for officers of IPMS/USA, ballots were in the last issue of the IPMS Journal or go on line at www.ipmsusa.org.

GTR News

GTR Update

For July, we will meet at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on July 21.

In August, we will meet at member Kevin Freitag's home in Elmhurst. (pushed back from July). Kevin has a slot track so part of the meeting will be racing 1/32 slot cars. If anyone has suggestions for a future meeting let me know.

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, 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, click on Newsletters, , 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.

GTR June Meeting

The June meeting was June 16 at Chuck Hermann's home in Cary.



Before the meeting we dined on Sloppy Joes, potato salad and chips. After dinner we toured the hobby room/kit stash in the basement. Then it was back upstairs to the meeting. We discussed the IPMS Region 5 convention and other events, we did the Treasury Report, and then it was on to Show and Tell. Among the stuff on display:

Ed Sexton: Hasegawa Lancia 037 rally car using aftermarket decals and detail parts. Also, a Revell Trans Am car in progress.



Chuck Herrmann: Fujimi Ferrari 348 project using the Scale Design transkit to do the Repsol car from LeMans 1994, along with the book *Ferrari at LeMans* with lots of color photos of this car. Also, a Revell 2004 Impala street rod in progress, a

1/48 Tamiya WWI VW Beetle kit in progress (converting to a rat rod) and a Brookfield promo 1994 Chrysler Cirrus.



Gary Dodson: a Tamiya 1/20 Ferrari F189 Early Version (Gerhard Burger), a Monogram Tim Richmond NASCAR Chevy, a 1/18 die cast F1 Eagle Weslake by Carrousel. Also some vintage kits, a Merit 1956 BRM F1 and a Revell Highway Pioneer 1953 MG.

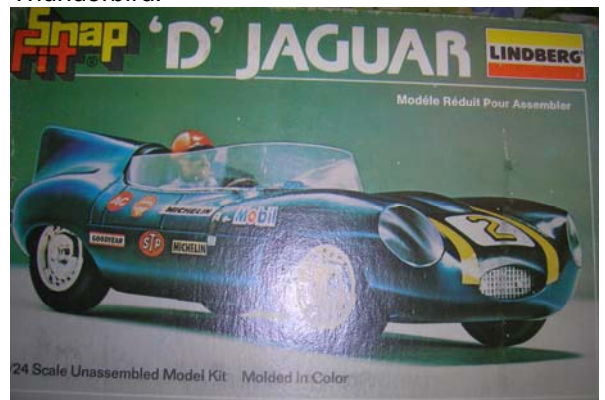


Dave Edgecomb: a Fujimi Ferrari 348 in progress, also being converted into the 1994 LeMans racer with the Scale Design transkit (it was interesting to compare the full detail Hasegawa and curbside Fujimi kits). Also a Tamiya Lexus Mobil JapanGT kit with photo etch. And he had some nice 1/18 diecast, 2 Ferrari 333SP with decals to do a Momo version, along

with a GMP 1/18 Lola T70.



Steve Jahnke: two kits, a Revell D Type Jaguar (a 1982 issue) and a Model King 1971 Thunderbird.



Ken Zinnen: a Revell Escalade kit in progress.



2007 IPMS Region 5 Convention

The 2007 IPMS/USA Region 5 convention was held June 8-9 in Ottawa, IL. There were 433 models entered in the contest by 100 entrants. For the annual Region 5 awards announced by Region 5 Coordinator Mike George, Chapter of the Year was the Mid-Missouri Modelers and Website of the Year was won by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians. And GTR was honored with the IPMS/USA Region 5 2007 Newsletter of the Year!



The event went off well, it was held in the Knights of Columbus Hall in downtown Ottawa. I was only able to attend on Saturday. I heard Friday was a little slow but it was busy by midday Saturday.



Some of the automotive categories were a bit light on entries, but there were some nice models on the tables. GTR sponsored the Best Automotive trophy.



Open Wheel Comp winner, Revell 1/24 Indy Reynard.





Corvette pace car collection.



Best Ship winner, PT Boat.



There were about 40 vendor tables. While most of the stuff tended to be military kits, I found several deals and wound up with six new kits, including 3 F1 kits. There was also a raffle, I won a boat kit and was able to trade for a Revell AeroVette kit.

The 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 convention will be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa, hosted by IPMS/Ft. Crook on May 16-17, 2008.



Scale Coachworks

Model Buffett:

By Tim Sickle

Reprinted from June 2007 *MAMA Sez*
(newsletter of the Maryland Automotive
Modelers Association)

This month's column will take a brief overview of **Scale Coachworks**. Proprietor Dan Janssen is the chief cook and bottle washer here. He is a professional model builder, doing much of the box art and catalog models for Revell, as well as other paying customers and clients. He has a diverse lineup that includes decals, resin items and last but not least, transkits.



The decals seem to be focused mainly on Porsches, with a CART Reynard thrown in for good measure. They include but are not limited to 99 McDonald's Reynard (Kanaan), 80 Apple Computer Porsche, Kremer SACHS Porsche 935 K3 and a set for five different 289 Cobra roadsters.



These decals are by none other than Cartograph, and seem to be in the \$12 range.



Resin parts are limited, but include a diorama pit lane base and Halibrand wheels and tires. Transkits and kits also seem to favor the aftermentioned Porsches, but also include a Kremer "Jagermeister" 935 K3, a 63 Cobra Coupe, 94-98 Saleen coupe, and a 70 Dart Swinger.





Also he did the infamous 64 Pontiac Gray Ghost Trans Am racer of Bob Tullius (limited in production and may be sold out).

Prices start at about 24 bucks for the 'Stang and range up to \$115 for the Porsches, based on parts count and detail level. Please check the site for shipping and handling charges, which are not included in these figures.



The decals for the Cobra roadsters include markings for:

1964-65 Daytona
Sebring
Targa Florio
Road America
Sierra Montana Hillclimb



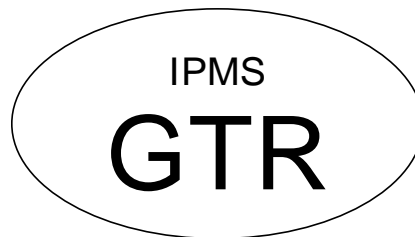
Scale Coachworks, LLC

Limited production resin kits, decals and accessories

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2007 GTR Event Calendar

July 19-22 Redman Challenge Vintage
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

July 27-29 3rd Annual Model Kemp Spectacular
at the 27th KKOA Leadsled Spectacular event
Salinas, Kansas
kustomkemps@mo-net.com
www.kustomkempsofamerica.com

July 29 1st Ever Mid-America Summer Nationals
Mid America Center, Council Bluffs, Iowa
Frank Allen 402-614-8176

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

August 26 50th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

September 8 9th Annual Air Zoo Contest
Air Zoo Museum, Kalamazoo, MI
866-524-7966 sbailey@airzoo.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

October 7 Collectors Classic w/1/43 Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 13 NNL Nationals (Toledo NNL)
Lucas Cty RecCenter, Maumee, OH

October 13-14 Toledo NL and Swap
Lucas Cty RecCenter, Maumee, OH

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

Nov 4 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing



IPMS-USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

2009 – TBA - Central US

2008 Region 5 Convention:

May 16-17, Council Bluffs, IA

GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter



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