



GTR Newsletter

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2007 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year



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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: November 17, 2007

At 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



Congratulations to 2007 Grand Prix Champions Kimi Raikkonen and Scuderia Ferrari. I was on vacation the day they clinched, there were lots of long faces on the British fans on our cruise ship. But once we landed in Italy there was Ferrari stuff everywhere! But not too much with 2007 Champs on it, maybe they were not confident enough to print it out in advance.



A shop in Rome celebrates.

For local race fans, next year Road America will again host a doubleheader ALMS and Champ Car weekend, on Aug 9-10.

Industry News

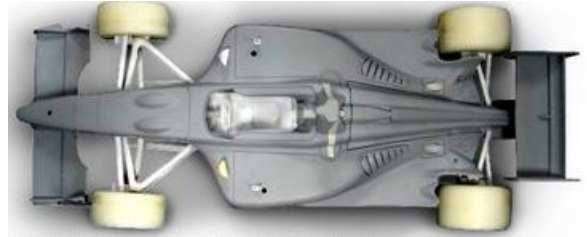
From www.champcarworldseries.com



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Champ Cars Diecast Models

Champ Car fans will have something extra to look forward to next season with the announcement that GreenLight Collectibles, Speedgear and the Champ Car World Series have teamed up to produce die-cast replicas of the Series' new DP01 race car. The die-cast replicas will go on sale in early April.



The 1:18 and 1:64 scale DP01 replicas will include, among others, the 2007 cars of Paul Tracy and Graham Rahal as well as a commemorative 2007 Sebastien Bourdais Newman/Haas/Lanigan Racing #1 McDonald's car honoring the triple Champion who looks to clinch an unprecedented fourth consecutive title at the next race in Surfers Paradise, Australia. The collection will also include a replica of the first-ever DP01, which served as the Champ Car test car and featured a Troy Lee Designs paint scheme.

The replicas will be officially licensed by the Champ Car World Series and will feature a die-cast metal body and chassis, authentic DP01 detailing, real rubber Bridgestone tires, driver figure with authentic helmet graphics, sequential numbering on the base and custom window box packaging. The replicas will be available online at www.Champcarstuff.com, Speedgear.com and through the Speedgear and GreenLight distribution networks.



Aston Martin DBR9 LeMans 2007 Kit

From Model Factory Hiro, this kit includes a cast resin body and complete interior and exterior trim as well. The tires are rubber and the wheels are finely crafted in metal. Includes markings for the 006 car crewed by P. Bornhauser/R. Berville/G. Fischen at the 2007 Le Mans. Team Larbre Competition. No engine detail included. Price about \$150 US.

Sauber-Mercedes C-9



On their website Revell Germany shows kit 07250, a 1/24 Sauber-Mercedes C-9. Perhaps a reissue of a Fujimi/Hasegawa kit?

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.

I know some other clubs electronically forward the newsletters received via email on to the membership, so this month I started doing that for GTR members.

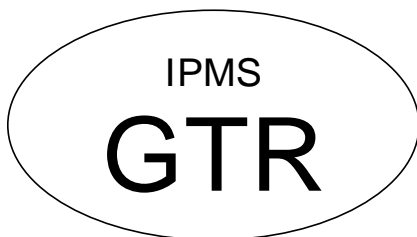
Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

Events

Since 2007 is winding down, I have started to list 2008 events on the calendar page. If any readers are aware of other events of interest please send them along to me.

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

GTR News



GTR Update

The November GTR meeting will be at the usual location, the Fountains of Crystal Lake. Then in December we will join with IPMS/CARS in Miniature again at their meeting at the Algonquin Township office in Cary, as we have done for the past several years. Note that this will be on the second Saturday (Dec 8) instead of our usual 3rd Saturday, so mark your calendars. If anyone has suggestions for a future meeting let me know.

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GTR has successfully completed the annual IPMS/USA chapter renewal process, so we are chartered for 2008.



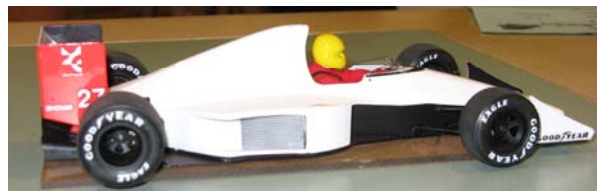
A local chapter needs five current national members (including all the officers) to remain in IPMS/USA. We have just met this requirement in recent years, so I urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web 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, then 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.

October GTR Meeting

The October meeting was held 10/20/07 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. Doug Fisher suggested that we put together a donation of kits for the troops in Iraq. We will also ask CARS in Miniature to join us, so bring in your donations to the November or December meetings.

For Show and Tell there were a lot of sports car models, a large scale Ferrari 512 and a McLaren F1 car in progress. Thanks to VP Steve Jahnke for taking notes and photos in my place last month.



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2007 iHobby Expo Review

by Chuck Herrmann



This years **iHobby Expo**, one of the main hobby industry trade shows, was held October 18-21 at the Stephens Expo Center in Rosemont, IL. While I was not able to attend the show, I have put together this review based on catalogs, along with articles and emails on the show.

Since this event brings together almost all the major players in the hobby business, it is a good gauge of where the plastic model segment of the hobby industry stands. Several years ago we could expect lots of news of new products, both plastic and die cast. Well those days are over, as plastic modeling is either in a slump again or dying out, depending on who you ask. Tamiya was there but showed no plastic, just RC stuff, and ERTL appears to be pretty much dead. Trumpeter has no new car kits, apparently their previous auto kits did not do well.

But there were still many things of interest on display, so here are some of the details (by manufacturer) that appear to be noteworthy to auto modelers.



Revell: Revell will release a 69 Chevy Nova SS and a 2008 Dodge Challenger. Also 2007 Mustangs, Shelby GT500 and GT350H. New "Donk" kits of the 87 Olds Cutlass and 87 Buick Regal will also be released. In their 1/32 slot car line, new subjects include the Lola T70, Ferrari 275P and Ferrari 250 GTO/LM, some great vintage racers.



And Revell will be sponsoring the 1st Annual Make and Take Day on March 8, 2008, offering a special version of the 2008 Camaro to participating local hobby shops.



www.revell.com



Testors: Testors showed their new line of one step lacquer paints, due to be available in stores soon. Also a pre-painted decast 1/24 Dodge Charger in multiple versions.

www.testors.com



Lindberg/Hawk: These guys continue to be the big news in the hobby, at their large display they showed a new 2008 Dodge Viper (coupe and convertible) also Dodge Demon and Challenger concept cars from new molds. The Weird Ohs figures will be reissued. Also they continue to reissue many of the kits announced last year, including many old Testors molds.



www.lindberg-models.com



Moebius Models: A new name to me, looks like a successor to Polar Lights, they will be issuing some new versions of old Aurora kits, mostly TV or SciFi but for auto guys they will do the famous Rommel's Rod custom car kit.



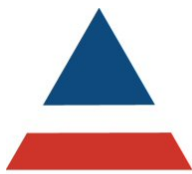
www.moebiusmodels.com



MRC: They had a nice display, kits under their own brand plus as a distributor for others. For automotive kits, they offer a lot of trucks and motorcycles from Italeri along with some neat European auto subjects.

www.modelrectifier.com





**ACCURATE
MINIATURES**

Accurate Miniatures: According to what I have heard, slow sales of their reissues of the Corvette Grand Sports coupe have put off their plans for the Grand Sports roadster and the 289 Cobra, and I assume for their BMW M1 announced some time ago.

www.accurate-miniatures.com



Airfix: It looks like Airfix is back in business, some new aircraft kits were shown but I am not sure of their plans for auto kits. The web page only shows 1/43 WRC cars and 1/24 racing motorcycles.
www.airfix.co

Euro Hobby Magazines

by Chuck Herrmann

During my European vacation last month, I did as I usually do and looked for some new hobby stores on my travels. However, since we were on a cruise ship, time ashore was limited (hmmm, see the Vatican and Trevi Fountain or look for a hobby store, no contest) so I did not find much. While in Barcelona after the cruise, I ran across a well stocked store called **kitcar43**, but it was on Sunday and most small businesses are closed. www.kitcar43.com So I had to window shop. I did

find a store called **interKits**, (part of a chain) it was a small space in a busy mall down by the waterfront (like a Navy Pier), not a large amount of anything but I did buy a slot car from the sale pile (the weak dollar still did not make it a great deal, oh well). Note that new Tamiya kits, like the Porsche Carrera GT and Ferrari F430 were marked at 40-45 euros, about \$55-60 US!



Never on Sunday.....

Since we were usually in a big city, there were lots of new stands and tobacco shops that sold diecasts and memorabilia as well as magazines. I never realized there are so many diecasts of Fiats, SEATs, Citroens, etc, stuff we never see over here. But I limited my purchases to some local modeling magazines since I already was lugging enough stuff home.

In Monte Carlo I picked up a copy of **Auto Modelisme**. I know some GTR guys may be familiar with this magazine from their annual LeMans issue, which features pictures of every car in that years 24 Hours race. Printed in French on high gloss paper, it appears to be a monthly magazine that features mostly diecasts in 1/43rd and 1/18th scales. The Octobre issue features a nice historical article on the 1973 CanAm series, lots of photos including the dominant Porsche 917/10 of Mark Donahue.

Also, if I am interpreting correctly, an article about some guy's several thousand strong collection of F1 cars! Mostly 43rd scale.



In Barcelona I picked up a copy of *MiniAuto*. In Spanish, this is another glossy magazine on the same subject matter, 1/43 and 1/18 diecasts mostly, but also Burago 1/24 and Herpa 1/87.

www.revistasprofesionales.com



In Naples I bought a copy of *Modelli Auto*.

This is a bi-monthly publication, articles were mostly on 1/18 and 1/43 scala diecast looks like they provide a good bit of historical background on the models covered. Also pictures of several collections, including US muscle car subjects. It features very high quality paper and printing.

www.modelliauto.it



While the foreign language text makes it impossible to read the articles and captions, these magazines are interesting in showing what is out there in the global modeling world, many of these subjects would not get much mention in the US.

There were several things of particular interest to me as reference for some modeling projects. I finally found a color picture of the Ferrari 330 from Sebring 1965 so I can use the right colors in my build up (white with French blue trim). Also, since I did the 1954 Carrera Panamericana Corvette recently, I saw a picture of the overall winner of the race (Umberto Maglioli in a Ferrari 375) and color photos of some of the VW Beetles that competed in that race.

GTR Event Calendar

2007

Nov 18 Motor City NNL 3
Hosted by Detroit Area Auto Modelers
Macomb Comm College, Warren MI
586-344-9466

Dec 2 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS
Jim Welytok unievents@aol.com

December 9 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Show (with contest)
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

2008

January 26-27 Rolex 24 Grand Am
Daytona Intl Speedway, Daytona FL

February 2 Hope it Don't Snow Show
IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Kahler Hotel Rochester, MN
Edward St Denis edwardstdenis@msn.com

February 24 51st Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 708-485-4544
pthpowerinc@aol.com

March 1 13th IPMS/ Mad City Modelers Show
Radisson Inn Madison, Madison WI
Jim Turek jtmodel@yahoo.com
www.madcitymodlers.com

March 2 Scale Auto , Hobby Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 15 Sebring 12 Hours ALMS
Sebring, FL

April 12 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL

April 12 14th IPMS/Plastic Surgeions Contesr
Point of Grace Church Waukee, IA (Des Moines)
Rob Folen viper.models@gmail.com
www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.co

May 16-17 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Details TBA

May 25 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 14-15 24 Hueres du LeMans
LeMans, France

August 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Virginia Beach Convention Center, Va. Beach, VA
www.ipmsusa2008.org

Sept 28 52nd Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
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? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing

2008 American Le Mans Series Schedule

March 15, **Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring**, Sebring, FL
April 5, **Acura Sports Car Challenge**, St. Petersburg, FL
April 19, **Grand Prix of Long Beach**, Long Beach, CA
April 26, **Lone Star Grand Prix presented by MSR Houston**, Houston, TX
May 18, **Utah Grand Prix**, Salt Lake City, UT
July 12, **Northeast Grand Prix/Lime Rock**, Lakeville, CT
July 19, **Acura Sports Car Challenge/Mid-Ohio**, Lexington, OH
August 9, **Generac 500/Road America**, Elkhart Lake, WI
August 24, **Grand Prix of Mosport**, Bowmanville, ON
August 30, **Detroit Sports Car Challenge**, Detroit, MI
October 4, **Petit Le Mans**, Braselton, GA
October 18, **Monterey Sports Car Championships**, Monterey, CA

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

Aug 6-9, 2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

2009 – Columbus, OH

2008 Region 5 Convention:

May 16-17, Council Bluffs, IA

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