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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year
2009 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

***No April Meeting – Join us at our club display
at the Milwaukee NNL***

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

Richard Petty to enter Indy 500!



(www.motorsport.com)

Richard Petty Motorsports has submitted an entry for the Indy 500 for the first time. Petty named John Andretti, who has the needed experience in the [Indy 500](#), as the driver for the No. 43 "Petty Blue" Honda-powered Dallara. The "King" of NASCAR will have support from Dennis Reinbold and Robbie Buhl, owners of Dreyer and Reinbold Racing. The IndyCar team, based in Indianapolis, has the needed expertise with 19 starts in the 500 race.

Economy hits ALMS

After an exciting race at the Sebring 12 Hours season opener, only 17 cars took the grid at the second race at St Petersburg, FL. There were only 6 prototypes along with 11 GT2 cars, and since Corvette has dropped their GT1 program there are no GT1 cars. This is in contrast with a 43 car field at the Catalunya 1000KM European LeMans season opener the same weekend. That race was won by a Lola Aston Martin in the always great looking Gulf colors.



Industry News

Historic Racing Miniatures will be releasing new 1/24 curbside resin kits of the Ferrari SP Dino, Maserati 450S roadster and a Lancia Mexican road racer. Also they will issue right hand drive conversion kits for the Ferrari 250 GTO and the Ferrari TR250 Testa Rossa.

New releases from Lindberg/Model King in 1/25 include the Triumph GT6+ and a 64 Plymouth with markings for Paul Goldsmith's stock car.

Word is that the price for the Trumpeter 1/12 scale Ford GT40 kit seen at last fall's iHobby Expo will be \$269. It looked like an interesting kit, but with that price one wonders how many will sell.

This year marks the 80 year anniversary of The Testors Corporation. Best known for their lines of hobby paints, such as Testors and Model Master, Testors also offers modeling tools and accessories as well as the Aztek airbrush line. They also offer plastic and diecast model kits. Thanks to Testors for 80 years of service to modelers.



Media

This year the Indy Car Series will be featured on the Versus Network (formerly Outdoor Living Network). Some races will also be on ABC. Versus is best known for fishing and rodeo shows, also hockey coverage but they have featured the Dakar rally in recent years. The coverage of the St. Pete season opener was pretty good, with familiar announcers such as Bob Varsha, Jack Arrute and Jan Beekhis. They promise at least three hours of air time each event, with pre and post race coverage along with qualifying and special shows prior to race day. Also it looks like they will have lots of Indy 500 coverage (but not the race itself). After several poor packages on other networks in recent years, with the show starting with the drop of the green flag and cutting away immediately after the checkered flag, this looks promising. The first race was well done, but then I am still partial to the road race events. At least they no longer consider Newman-Hass and the other CART teams as crossover entries any more now that the open wheel reunion is in its second year. For more details check out www.versus.com

Events

There are two big local events this month. Saturday, April 18 is the Milwaukee NNL 17, hosted by AMG. GTR will have a club display table, stop by to see us. This annual show always has lots of great models on display.

And the Ferrari Expo will be Saturday, April 24 at Continental Autosports in Hinsdale. The model

contest is somewhat small but the models are always excellent, and the subject matter, sports car and exotics, Grand Prix and sports car road racers, fit the GTR theme perfectly. GTR will have a table in the vendor area, where there are models on sale and also lots of Italian sports car memorabilia, books and clothing. And it is at a Ferrari dealership, lots of great real stuff on display and if the weather is nice the parking lot fills up with lots of magnificent sports cars. It is always a great day.

GTR NNL Update:

GTR will host the Summer GTR NNL again this year. The date is Sunday, August 2, 2009. It will be the same NNL format and Trunk Sale swap meet as last year. The location is reserved, the Algonquin Township Office in Crystal Lake, and the theme is Brickyard: 100 Years of Racing at the Indy Motor Speedway. IPMS/USA has approved the date, it is listed on the IPMS/USA website, and the GTR website has a page with all the details. Trophy packages are now being offered, for \$35.

See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. I will continue to add 2009 events; if any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

Newsletters

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

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS/Quad Cities Scale Modelers, Lake Michigan Model Car Club (LMMCC), Kansas City Slammers, Hoosier Model Car Club and San Diego Model Car Club.

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

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line.

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.



GTR Celebrates our Tenth Year!

1999 – 2009

In 2009 IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers will celebrate our 10th Anniversary. In April 1999, GTR put on a club display table at the Milwaukee NNL for the first time.



GTR News

GTR Update

The next meeting falls on the same date as the Milwaukee NNL on April 18, so there is no general meeting and rather we will have a club display table at the NNL. GTR members should bring in some models for our display table if you are going to the show. We will have something to commemorate our 10th year as a club,

GTR will have a table at the Ferrari Expo. So club members can bring in some kits to sell or just hang out there. If you do sell we ask that you throw a few dollars in to help offset the cost of the table.

Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meetings or contact me.

For 2009 the GTR dues will remain at \$15. Members can pay at the meeting or mail to me.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew, we are close as usual. If you could join IPMS it will help out the club and the hobby. 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.

March GTR Meeting

The March meeting was on 3/21/09 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. Attendance was light. The GTR NNL was discussed, also we voted to buy a club table at the Ferrari Expo. Not too much on the table but here are some pictures.

Steve Jahnke: Ford Fairlane T-Bolt dragster



Also a 1969 Mustang painted 20 years ago, now finished,



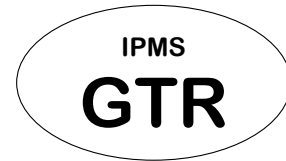
Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti in progress



Chuck Herrmann: Revell 2004 Corvette snapper kit with aftermarket wheels



And a Testors/Fujimi Porsche 356 built over fifteen years ago – a gift for his brother to replicate his real car, it is back for repairs.



GTR Classifieds

For Sale: Selling Off Collection

Over 300 Plastic Kits: Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasagawa, Revell/Monogram, MPC, AMT and more 1/18th Diecast : Exoto, CMC, Auto Art, GMP, Minichamps, NASCAR, etc.

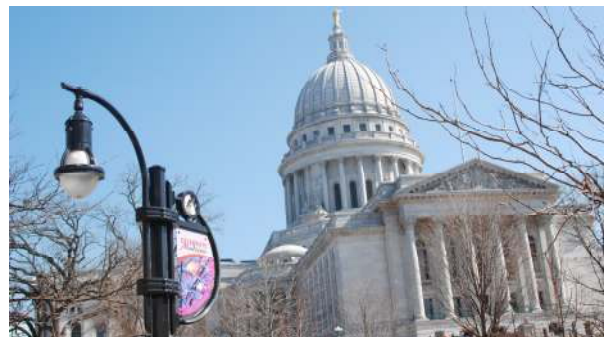
Resin Kits: Fisher, Renaissance, LeMans Miniatures, Profil 24, CMA, Scale Designs.

Most kits new, some slightly started, mostly race cars and exotics, ASA, Formula 1's. Also many slot cars.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, 815-566-2339 or jedgeco@hotmail.com

2009 IPMS Region 5 Convention

The 2009 IPMS/USA Region 5 Convention was held March 13-14 in Madison, Wisconsin. It was held at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Middleton (just north of Madison). The host club was IPMS/Mad City Modelers. They host a show every year around this time so they expanded that into the regional. That is why the regional was actually a little bit earlier than the usual May-June time frame.



Madison is the state capital of Wisconsin.



The Closed Wheel auto category began to fill up

early, within three hours of the opening of registration I counted 70 entries!



The vendor area was a bit light, and it was mostly military subject matter. But I found a few things automotive.



Diorama of an Iraqi street scene.



A original Mini in Panamerican Carrea marlkings.



There were several neat Bonneville Salt Flats/ Land Speed record models on display – also see cover photo.



1/32 AMT Porsche 917 Can-Am.



This was a neat display of all the different Love Bus from each movie.



A bust of the Babe to get us ready for the new baseball season.



A very nice McLaren F1 model.



Not all the airplanes were camoflauge! Here is a racing plane.

The over model turnout was pretty impressive. I do not have the final tally but I counted at least two hundred automotive entries.



A 1/35 Tamiya German staff car with a 1/25 Hemi!



The automotive closed wheel category winner.



The automotive theme was cars from Movies/TV. This DeLorean from *Back to the Future* was the award winner.



Another neat entry for the Movies/TV theme was this car from *The Great Race*.

Each year at the convention annual awards are given out.

- Region 5 website of the Year: IPMS/KC AMPS
- Region 5 Newsletter of the Year: IPMS/Lakes Region
- Region 5 Chapter of the Year: IPMS/Plastic Surgeons (Iowa)
- Region 5 Person of the Year: Doug Barton of IPMS Gateway (St. Louis)

The announcement for the 2010 IPMS Region 5 event was made at this show, and for 2010 it will be hosted by IPMS/Duneland, a chapter in the south Chicagoland area. More details are to follow.

Kit Review: Revell's Shelby GT500KR



Kit: 2008 Shelby GT500KR

Mfg: Revell Scale 1/25 Kit#85-4226

Reviewed by Steve Jahnke

Ford brought the Shelby GT500KR name plate back to life in 2008 for the 40th anniversary of the original "King of the Road" (KR), the 1968 Shelby GT500KR. The '08 GT500KR was developed by Ford's in-house performance arm SVT to be the most powerful factory produced Mustang ever. The GT500KR came from the factory packing 550 horsepower and over 510 foot pounds of Detroit torque. By comparison the 1968 GT500KR was powered by a naturally aspirated 428 cubic inch motor factory rated at 335HP, but in reality made more than 400 horses and 440 foot pounds torque. That's a lot of Dearborn muscle.

The Kit:

Our subject kit comes from Revell packaged in their 'Special Edition' series and serves as a trilogy to the 2006 Hertz Shelby GT-H and the 2007 Shelby GT500 kits preceding it. To a Mustang fan such as me, there cannot be too many Mustangs kits available; no snickers from my fellow armor and aircraft modeler friends out there. As I have said in previous Revell kit reviews, this kit is very well engineered and executed. The parts are well molded with very little clean up and the decal sheet is marvelous; I encountered absolutely no problems laying down the 7 piece silver body stripes.

The Build:

I like painting car bodies so that is where this build started. I had a bottle of Leon Tefft's Cobra Colors Ford Vista Blue Metallic in my paint stash which was laid down after priming the body pieces and chassis pan with Plasticote gray sandable primer. After looking at the limited range of interior colors for a Vista Blue exterior, I decided to use my

modeling prerogative and go with a non-stock black with red insert interior.



Next up was the motor build. My only gripe with the instructions are that some of the paint call outs are incorrect, however a little searching on the internet yielded great results from a site called Muscluarmustangs.com. I found an old bottle of Floquil Antique Bronze 110106 that matched the color of the valve covers and supercharger, and offered a nice contrast to the all aluminum color of the rest of the engine.



The chassis is nicely done and easy to assemble; I painted most of the parts per the call outs but went for Ford blue rear shocks and antique bronze for the rear axle front cover, again for a little contrast and interest. I painted the molded in catalytic converter heat shields with fresh Testors chrome silver and the gas tank shields with a dark gray. I did run into an issue with the heavy wheels falling off of the car. To remedy this I should have attached and super glued the pin and wheel retainer from step 9 to the axle stubs in step 5 and then super glued the wheel hub assembly to the retainer along with the disc brakes.

The interior was very straight forward; I painted the side panels and seats with a coat of Krylon Poppy red enamel followed by hand painting the rest in Tamiya semi-gloss black and then topped off with a coat of Testors Acryl semi-gloss clear finish give everything an even tone. The shift lever knob on the real KR is the size and color of a que-ball, our kit mimics the same large knob, complete with a 6 speed shift pattern decal for the ball, I used a decal softener to ensure that the decal would snuggled over the que-ball contours.

The body was ready for the stripe decals, I found that they went on effortlessly and like the other GT500 review, decal #2 had to be trimmed so it

would tuck into the lower grill cavity. I used Solveset to make sure decals 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7 snuggled over the bumpers and spoiler.



Conclusion:

Revell has another Mustang hit here. The kit is easy enough that any modeler with beginning to intermediate skills can produce a nice model, while experienced modelers will find this kit responds very well to detail painting and produces an excellent finished representation of the King of the Road. IPMS/USA and Revell provided this kit for review and yes, real car modelers are IPMS members.



April Event Details

April 18 Wisconsin NNL 17 3-9 pm
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center
N4 W22000 Bluemound Road
Waukesha WI 53186
Theme: Daytona Speedweeks
Sub Theme: Beach Racing
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April 25 Ferrari Expo 9am to 3 pm
Contest, Swap and Memorabilia Show
Continental Autosports
420 E. Ogden
Hinsdale IL 30-655-3535
Tom Tanner alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

GTR will have tables at both shows!

GTR Summer NNL

2nd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme: Brickyard: 100 Years of the
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

**The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 2nd 2009
from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township
Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014**

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn.

Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.



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See: www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com

GTR 2009 Event Calendar

April 18 Wisconsin NNL 17 3-9 pm
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
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April 19 27th Annual Milwaukee Miniature Motors
Spring Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

April 18 7th Annual Model Fest
Hosted by IPMS Show Me State Modelers
Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Lee's Summit, MO
Marty Nevshemal martynev04@yahoo.com

April 18 23rd Annual NNL East
Wayne P.A.L Building, Wayne NJ
Tom Geiger nnleast@aol.com
www.nnleast.com

April 25 15th Annual Contest
IPMS/West Des Moines
Point of Grace Church, Waukee IA

April 25 Ferrari Expo 9am to 3 pm
Continental Autosports, Hinsdale IL
Tom Tanner alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

April 30-May3 GSL-XXII Great Salt Lake
International Scale Vehicle Championship
Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre
www.gslchampionship.org

May 2 Hoosier Model Car Association Swap Meet
and Contest
First Church of the Nazarine, Indianapolis
indymca@hotmail.com

May 24 Indianapolis 500
IndyCar Series, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 7 11th Annual NNL North
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN
www.RPMMModelClub.com
Swap Meet: Jim Kampmann@gmail.com

June 13-14 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by Kansas City Slammers
Overland Park Con. Center Overland Park KS
Bill Barker wlb19@yahoo.com

July 16-19 Redman Historics
Road America, Elkhart Lake WI
www.roadamerica.com

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August 2 2nd Annual GTR Summer NNL
Theme: Brickyard
Algonquion Township Offices Crystal Lake, IL
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Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 13-16 American LeMans Series/IMSA
Road America, Elkhart Lake WI
www.roadamerica.com

August 19-22 IPMS/USA National Convention
IPMS/Eddie Rickenbacker
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa2009.org

Sept 27 54rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

October 22-25 iHobby Expo
Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171
unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 14 IPMS/Butch O'Hare 27th Annual
Contest and Swap Meet
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove, IL
IPMS_Butch_Ohare@yahoo.com

December 20 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter
Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National and Regional Conventions:

2009 Nationals: Aug 19-22

Columbus, OH

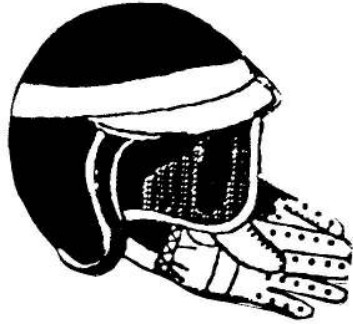
2010 Region 5 Convention:

Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – South

Chicagoland – details TBD

2010 Nationals: Phoenix, AZ

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