

GTR Newsletter

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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
2010 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

**February Meeting is 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 – New season at last!

The 2010 racing season has started, VW won the Dakar Rally (through Argentina and Chile) for the second year in a row, this time it was won by Carlos Sainz.



The Grand Am sports car season kicked off with the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona at the end of January. A Riley-Porsche won the overall race. The surprise was that it was a new team, Action Express Racing that won.



Daytona also saw the return of Camaro to top level road racing, as some of last years Pontiac teams rebodied their cars as the new Camaro.



As I write this stock car action at Daytona Speedweeks is just beginning. And Michael Schumacher is causing a big buzz in the F1 world with the new Mercedes (formerly Brawn) team.



Media

Auto References in Pop Music

On the album *MOTT*, 1973 by **Mott the Hoople**, we find the song *Drivin' Sister*:

*Eight track machine playing "Half Moon Bay",
Drivin' in my Volks down on Hampstead Way...*

*Drivin' Sister, Rock n' Roll,
She's an automobeat on the street...*



Internetmodeler.com

The website **Internetmodeler.com** has undergone some major upgrades recently. Instead of monthly "issues" articles go in when they are available. The most recent on line version featured a lot of automotive articles, so check it out at:

www.internetmodeler.com

Industry

Fujimi has announced an all-new-tool 1/20 Williams FW16. Kit 09058 depicts Ayrton Senna's final machine, as it appeared in the fateful 1994 San Marino Grand Prix. It is set for March release.



Fujimi is also set to release a Toyota Prius kit later this year – hope there is no recall!

Trumpeter has announced two new releases, a 1964 Falcon Sprint and a 1965 Ford Ranchero. A bit surprising since sales of their previous auto kits were not great.

The 61st International Toy Fair at Nuremberg, Germany was Feb 4-9. Among the new product announcements were four new 1/24 DTM kits by **Revell Germany**, two Mercedes and two Audi team cars. See cover art below.



Also they announced a 1/24 Mercedes SLS AMG kit.



See the Revell Germany website for more details.
www.revell.de

Events

Details for the IPMS 2010 Region 5 Convention, June 18-19, are now available. There are 12 automotive categories plus Automotive Diorama. See all the details at: www.ipmsduneland.com.

The winter Wheaton swap is later this month, February 28 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds.

See the events calendar for details and for all of the events that I know of. I am adding 2010 events as I confirm the details. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

GTR News



GTR Update

The next GTR meeting will be February 20, 2010 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. GTR will help support a number of local events in 2010 so we will review the treasury and decide what we can do. Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meeting or contact me.

For 2010 the annual dues for GTR will remain at \$15. Please pay up at the next meeting or mail to me (checks made out to Chuck Herrmann, *not* GTR please).

3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL News

The 3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL will be August 8 at the usual location, the Algonquin Township offices in Cary, IL. The date has been approved by the IPMS Region 5 Coordinator. The theme is EuroCars, any automotive subject that is manufactured in Europe. We are now selling trophy packages for \$35.

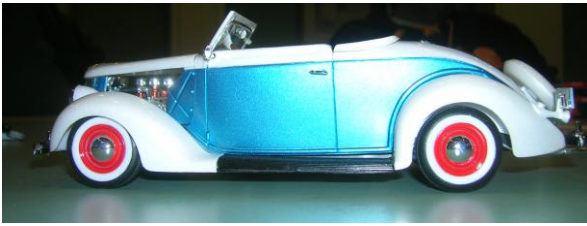
January 2010 GTR Meeting

The January meeting was held Jan16 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. We took care of some business, first confirming we are an IPMS chapter for 2010, then picking a new president, Doug Fisher. Then it was on to the treasury reports, the GTR NNL update and talk about some meetings at member's homes during spring and summer. Then we did Show and Tell.

Steve Jahnke: Revell 1965 Corvette, and



a Revell 1936 Ford Custom. Also a 1/24 diecast Cobra, a NAPA Classic piece from the Elvis movie *Viva Las Vegas*.



Dave Edgecomb: 1/18 Porsche 911 GT3, Flying Lizard's die cast,



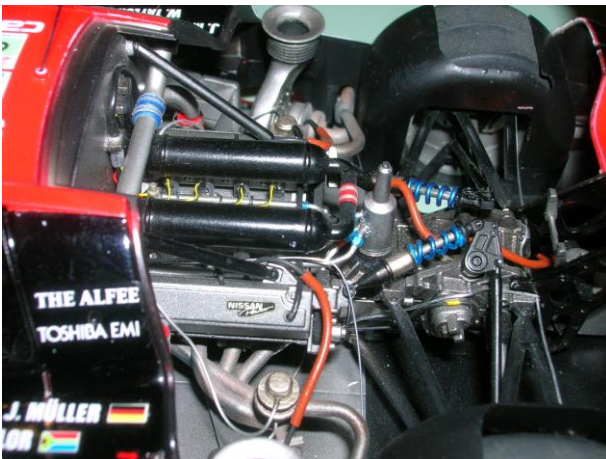
and a Tamiya prebuilt 1/12 Honda MOTO GP.



Doug Fisher: Tamiya Nissan 390 LeMans with lots of added detail,



George Pritzen: Tamiya Lexus in progress SC430 with unique marbled paint job.



aTamiya 1/24 Porsche 962,



Chuck Herrmann: A Fujimi VW GTI in progress,



and a Hasegawa 1/24 Jaguar LeMans.



Also two Revell Porsche 914s. One a newly acquired kit, also an old in progress project.



Also a Tamiya Toyota GT-One – see cover photo



And a Revell Jaguar XJS, a glue bomb bought at last years RWIS event and converted into a Robo Cop version to hide the missing parts!



If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. I have three XL shirts left, cost is \$9, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one.

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 archived back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

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 jedgco@hotmail.com

Wanted: One rear wheel and tire for the IMC/Testors 1/24 Ford GTMKIV kit.

Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

Wanted: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version

Les Whitfield whitfield1@yahoo.com

IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We have completed our annual chapter renewal for 2010. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew and again we barely had enough. So if you could join IPMS/USA 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.

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Region 5 Convention:

Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – Portage, IN

National and Regional Conventions:

2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ

2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE

No 2011 Region 5 Convention

Rockford Wheels in Scale Swap Meet

The 11th Annual Classic Plastic Model Car Swap Meet, hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale was Sunday, January 24. It was at the same location as in past years, The Ken Rock Community Center / Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. This year it was a swap meet only, no contest. The vendor room was full. all the tables were sold and there were some in an overflow room. GTR had a club table, business was pretty good.



Kit Review: New Trabant Kit!



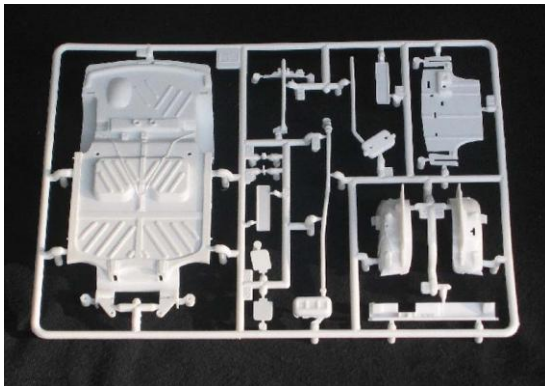
Subject: Trabant 601S **Scale:** 1/24
Manufacturer: Revell Germany **Kit #:** 01989
By Craig Meador

Reprinted from: www.internetmodeler.com

HISTORY: A driver pulled into an East German gas station and asked the mechanic if he could get a windshield wiper for his Trabant. The mechanic studied the car for several minutes, sighed heavily, and finally said; "Okay, it's a trade".

From 1963 until 1991, the Sachsenring automobile factory produced over three million Trabant 601s, providing affordable transportation to the average proletariat worker - as long as he was willing to wait five to eight years for delivery. Power came from a two-cylinder 595cc (36 cubic inch) 20 horsepower two-stroke engine with a top speed of 62 mph. Trabant body panels were made of Duroplast, sheets of waste cotton material molded to shape and injected with phenolic resin under pressure and heat. The 601S was the up market edition and came with such decadent luxuries as two tone paint, fog lamps and an odometer.

THE KIT: Just released from Revell of Germany, this is not to be confused with their earlier Trabant model of a few years ago, which was a repop of an old East German VEB kit. This is a brand new tooled model.



There are a total of 138 crisply molded parts on seven sprues neatly packed in cellophane bags, often within another cellophane bag. The kit's entire contents are packed in yet another cellophane bag. Some parts, such as the windshield wipers, are so delicately molded that care will be needed when separating them from the sprue.

The one piece body accurately captures the boxy lines of the original and it gives a good impression of how tiny the car really was. The hood opens to display a fully detailed engine compartment. The trunk also opens to display the spare tire.

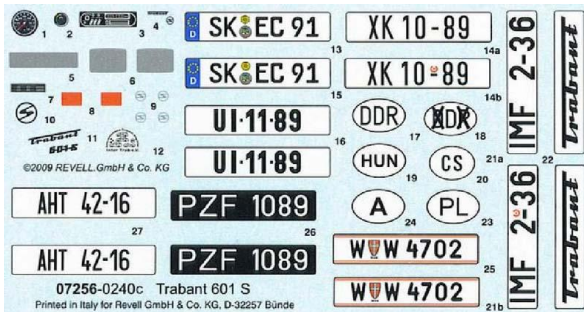


The interior is so nice that it is almost a shame the doors do not open to see it better. There are instrument decals for the finely engraved dashboard. Also well represented is the somewhat odd gearshift lever. The seats have a nice, restrained texture, and feature a substantial headrest identifying this Trabant as a 1982 model or later.

The chassis includes detailed exhaust and suspension systems. The vinyl tires have a petite tread design, and the front wheels are posable. The clear parts are well cast and have no swirls or blemishes. The clear parts are packed in their own cellophane bag and this insures that there will be no scratches on the larger clear pieces, such as front and rear windows.

The twelve page instruction sheet is clearly illustrated and logically presented in 42 steps. As the instructions are multi-lingual, there are a plethora of symbols used at various stages of construction. All of these symbols are explained on page three of the instructions. Revell paint numbers are used for color callouts.

The decal sheet provides license plates for East and West Germany, Hungary, Austria, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. There are also decals for the mirror faces, body script, and even the little "S" that go on the wheel hub.



CONCLUSION: This is a well engineered kit that should present no serious problems to the average modeler and will build into an impressive model straight from the box. My example had no sink marks, or even a hint of flash.

As a final treat, a brochure is included in the kit inviting the modeler to join the International Trabant Register, and to attend the 50th birthday party of the Sachsenring Trabant 601, this May through October in Zwickau, Germany, the hometown of the Trabant.

Book Review:

Go Like Hell: Ford, Ferrari, and Their Battle for Speed and Glory at LeMans

Author: AJ Baime **2009**
Publisher: Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann



This book is about the efforts of Ford Motor Company to end the dominance of Ferrari at Lemans in the 1960's. Written by A.J. Baime, the automotive editor at *Playboy* (so I guess this proves there is something other than pictures in *Playboy!*), it is more in the style of historical fiction than a documentary or historical record. But that makes it, for the most part, an entertaining read. My main objection is the sensationalist theme of death in motorsports, which I assume was meant to draw in general readers and not only racing fans. But in its defense it does represent the 1960's, when safety was not a concern of the various car

builders and many drivers were killed each year. (Ernest Hemingway's quote, something like "the only true sports are bullfighting and auto racing, everything else is just a game" comes to mind). Since the move toward driver safety in the 1970's the number of racing deaths has dropped quite significantly. But the deaths of Ayrton Senna and Dale Earnhart remind us it is still a dangerous sport.

The book focuses on the personal vendetta of Henry Ford II to beat Ferrari at the LeMans 24 Hours after Ferrari stopped a potential sale of his company to Ford Motor Co at the last minute in 1963. But also noted is how Ford intended to use the LeMans publicity to promote their image as a global company with a strong European division by the mid 1960s.

The many eccentricities of Enzo Ferrari are brought out, including the convoluted politics of racing for Scuderia Ferrari. And the changes within the Ford Corporation in the mid 60's are described. This was back when the Big 3 were all that mattered in the US, although the book says Ford II recognized a growing Japanese threat. If that was true apparently they did little to act on it.

Many of the great names in sports car racing are included prominently, such as Carroll Shelby, John Wyer, Phil Hill, John Surtees, Ken Miles, Bruce McLaren and many others. The major sports car races from 1964 until the 1966 LeMans are covered. And the racing action is described on a personal level, so it makes for an interesting account.

The book is mostly text, there only about ten pages of photographs included. There are twenty pages of footnotes included in case you want to check the accuracy of the statements. One factual error, on page 176 he describes Marco Andretti as Mario's third son: in fact he is Mario's grandson, son of Michael Andretti.

The paperback version is to be released in June. On the back jacket sleeve we learn that the movie rights have been optioned to 20th Century Fox – can we expect a new LeMans movie? There is a website devoted to the book, which includes some nice photos of the cars and people covered in the book at:

www.golikehellthebook.com.

In summary it is an interesting book and fun to read. I had forgotten how big the Ford effort at LeMans was; it brought back memories of the news of the days when I first was getting into racing. And it made me reach for my old IMC Ford GT restoration project; maybe it will be ready for the Milwaukee NNL in April!

GTR Summer NNL

3rd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme:

EUROCARs



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 8th 2010
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. Also we will raffle off some nice prizes.

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.

Awards: Contest participants vote on Best of in each class, Best Theme and People's Choice

Classes:

GTR NNL contest officials reserve the right to move your model to the correct class.

Models that have won previous IPMS Regional or National awards cannot compete for trophies but will gladly be accepted for display.

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal: Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles	All scales	All types
Curbside	All scales	All types: Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales	All types: No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme	All scales	Any automotive subject that is produced in Europe.
Examples: Ferrari, Porsche, Fiat, Yugo, Renault, VW, Lotus, Mercedes, Ducati, Smart, Citroen, Mini, BMW, Opel		
Includes: Production cars, Racing cars, Motorcycles, Trucks		
People's Choice	Any model in the contest.	

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2010 GTR Event Calendar

Feb 28 55th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

March 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Mar 14 Cedarville Toy Show & Model Car Contest
Jane Addams Com. Center, Cedarville IL
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053
scootersmalibu@netscape.net

Mar 20 17th IPMS/Roscoe Turner Contest & Swap
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

Mar 28 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 10 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Hotel, Madison, WI
Michael Luedke 262-567-9147

April 10 16th Annual IPMS Plastic Surgeon's Contest
Valley Free Church, West Des Moines, IA
Rob.Folden 515-661-1217
wdm.plasticsurgeons@gmail.com

April 10 Milwaukee NNL 18
Hosted by AMG
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
Scottiek1@chater.net

April 11 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

April 17 24th Annual NNL East
Wayne, NJ

April 24 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL
alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

May 1 Hoosier Model Car Assoc. 30th Annual Miniature Vehicle Collectors Swap and Contest
First Church of the Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
indyhmca@hotmail.com

Jun 6 12th Annual NNL North
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN
www.RPMMModelClub

June 19-20 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention
Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
www.ipmsduneland.com

July 11 2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic Model Car Show and Swap
Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club
American Legion Hall, Delavan WI
Keith 262-728-1483 or Rick 262-728-5003

July 17 NIMCON hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, McHenry IL
See www.lrsm.org or contact pjp68@comcast.net

July 30-Aug 1. Model Car Contest by C.A.R.S. in Miniature, in conjunction with The Indian Uprising Car Show
St Charles, IL

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Phoenix, AZ
www.ipmsusa2010.org

August 8 3rd GTR Summer NNL
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Cary, IL
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Sept 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
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October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.com

Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
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