

GTR Newsletter

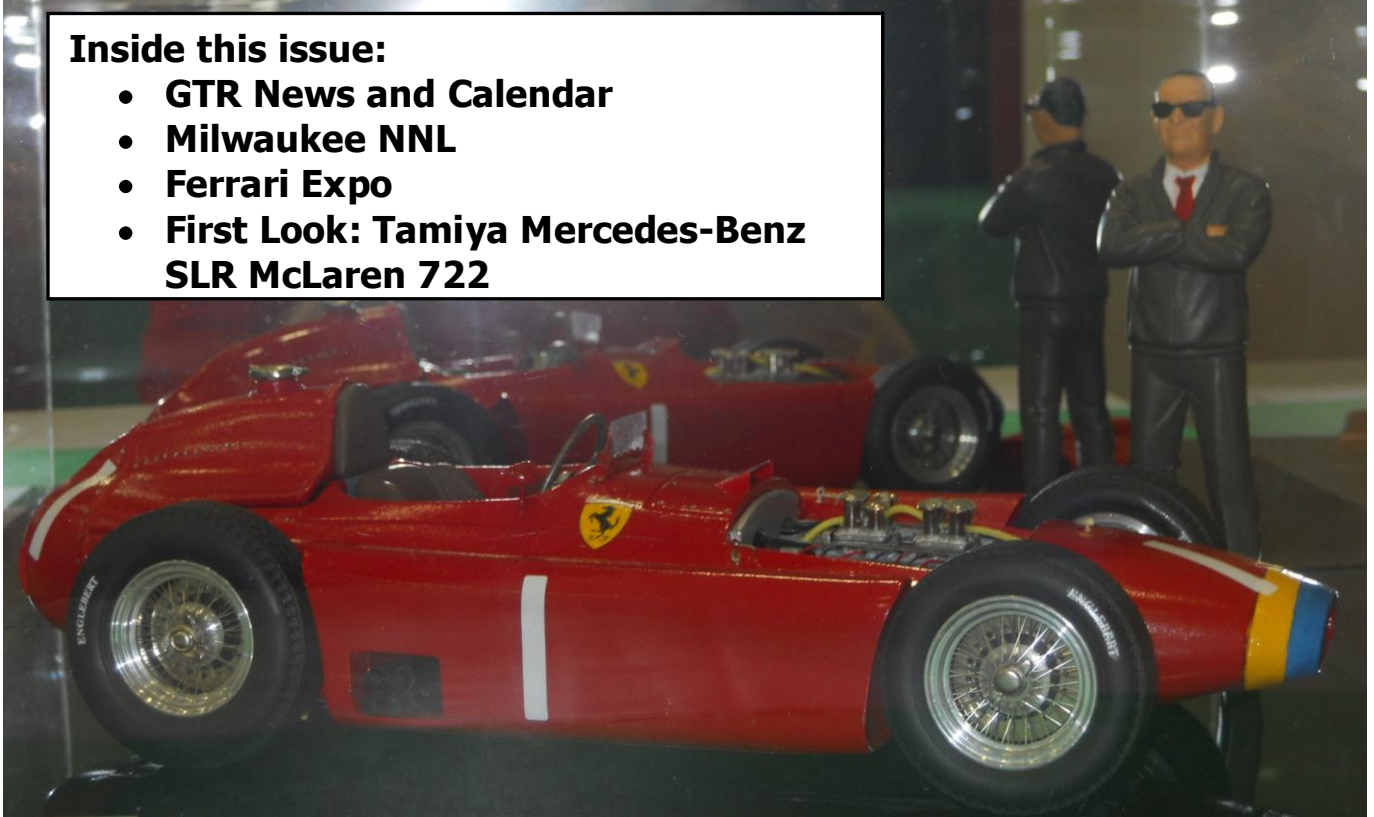
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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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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

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

May Meeting is at The Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt. 31 about one mile north of Rt. 176

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry



Coming up on May 13-16, this is the world's largest hobby show, held each year in the hometown of the Japanese hobby industry, Shizuoka! See the Hobby Link Japan website for lots of news from the show. www.hlj.com

Here are some of the new products that will be seen at the show.

Tamiya Lotus 79 in 1/20



Scheduled for release from Tamiya in May is a reissue of the 1978 Lotus Type 79. It's a mix of some older kit parts and some newly tooled parts. Included are markings for the #5 and #6 cars, the Ford DVS engine and funnel cover parts.

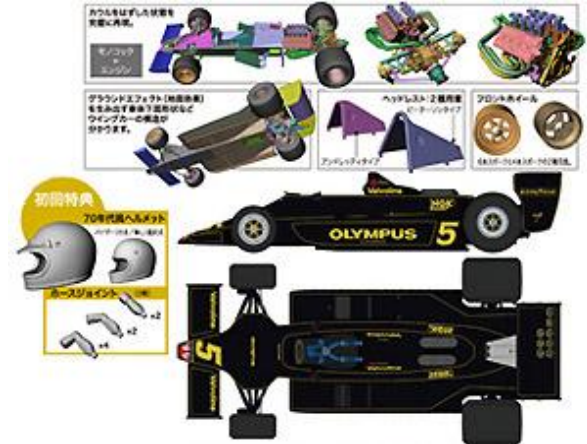


Porsche 935 Moby Dick in 1/24

Tamiya will also be offering a reissue of the Porsche 935, Kit #24318 Martini 935/78 Turbo.



Hasegawa Lotus 79 in 1/20, too!



Scheduled for release from Hasegawa in July is their own version of the Lotus 79. It features removable cowl parts, two headrest options, your choice of four or six-spoked front wheels, and beautiful decals by Cartograf (for the 1978 German GP winning car). The initial release also includes a 1970's-style racing helmet.

Fujimi Williams FW14B in 1/20



Fujimi will also have a new 1/20 F1 kit, the Williams FW14B from the 1992 British GP.



Fujimi's new 1/24 Ferrari 458 is coming soon.



And Fujimi is issuing a new 1/12 motorcycle, the Suzuki GSX-R750, 1986 TF-F1 version

Aoshima Lamborghini Countach LP400

Another Countach kit, in 1/24 with opening doors and complete engine



New NASCAR 2010 Impala from Round 2



The latest update from Round 2 Models on their upcoming NASCAR Chevy Impala kit is that things are moving along well. They are reviewing test shots from the mold. These will be Snap It kits, the first two releases will be Jeff Gordon and Dale Jr, with Jimmy Johnson and Mark Martin versions hopefully soon to follow. These will come in boxes with the AMT logo.

Check out all the details at:
www.collectormodel.com

Events

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 Update

There will be a regular May meeting back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. I will be unable to attend but VP Steve Jahnke will be running the show. In an attempt to boost attendance we may have some road trip meetings after that, or a change in time or locations on a trial basis. watch GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter

for details. 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).

Last call for T-Shirts! If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt last year but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. I have three XL shirts left, the cost is \$9, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one. Leftovers may be put into the NNL raffle pile.

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.

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 theme is EuroCars, any automotive subject that is manufactured in Europe. We are now selling trophy packages for \$35. We are also accepting donations for the raffle. Please contact us to purchase a trophy package or with donations so we have time to publicize your contributions to the show.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We 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.



The 2010 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention will be June 19-20 at Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN. Details see: www.ipmsduneland.com

First Look: Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren 722 Tamiya

By Chuck Herrmann

Subject: Mercedes-Benz McLaren SLK 722

Manufacturer: Tamiya

MSRP: \$73 **Kit#** 24317 **Scale:** 1/24



Subject: . Tamiya issued a kit of the “base” SLR in 2006, this kit is a modified reissue that includes the unique 722 edition components. There are a new front splitter and new wheels, along with 722 markings in decal and chrome metal transfers.

Kit: Same kit, there is a new sprue with the modified front end and new decals.

Body: The gull wing style doors are one of the most distinctive features of this car, so the body is a multi piece assembly to capture that. The doors feature a metal hinge. The new splitter design on the real thing is carbon fiber, but there are no carbon fiber decals in the kit, so you would need to use an aftermarket sheet if you want that look.



Engine: The engine is a three piece assembly, since most of the real thing is covered by the shroud there is enough detail here to capture the look of the real thing with a little detail painting.

Chassis: The kit features suspension detail also poseable front wheels. Like several other Tamiya kits there is a painted metal base plate. The new style wheels are chrome plated, on the real thing they have black spokes with a chrome ring.

Interior: Same as on the first SLR release, it builds up off the chassis, separate dash and rear panels, door panels attach to the opening doors.

Summary: Limited to 150 cars, the 722 SLR version commemorates the original SLR from the fifties and Mercedes famous victory in the Mille Miglia race in 1955. English driver Sterling Moss won that race in car #722.



Sterling Moss and co driver Dennis Jenkinsen.



The original posed next to the new.



The SLR production ceased in 2009, the last version was a 722 Sterling Moss roadster. It would be really neat if Tamiya releases that version.



Monogram released this kit of the original car, it has been reissued several times and is not too hard to find.

Thanks to Tamiya and IPMS/USA for this sample, watch for a complete review of the build soon on the IPMS/USA website: www.IPMS/USA.org

Milwaukee NNL 18

The 18th Annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by the Auto Modelers Group (AMG) was held at the Excellence Center in Waukesha on Saturday, April 10. The format was the same as the last several years, and turnout was similar to last years, around 670 models.



We had our club table again this year.



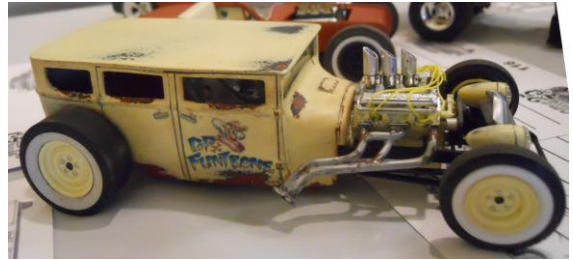
AMG is celebrating 25 years as a club.



AMG's club theme was Rat Rods, AMG and GTR member Andy Kinzelman did a 6 wheel pickup.



Mitsubishi Dakar Rally racer



Another Rat Rod, "in the weeds"



Ferraris: a 348 above, a 430 below.



The Winnebago Area Scale Modelers (WAM) display again won the Best Club Display award,





The theme was "Back to the 50's", customs from that era, Theme award winner was Greg Schmidt.



A nice display of AMT Trophy Series models.



Crowded display table for Street Rods.



Kubelwagen Drag racer.

Revell had a display of their upcoming kits, several clubs had display tables and there was a raffle. It was good to see some old modeling buddies, also some new ones. Another good show by AMG. The date for 2011 is April 9.

Ferrari Expo



The 29th Annual Art, Literature, and Model Expo at Continental Auto Sports took place Saturday, April 24 in Hinsdale, IL. There was a collectible swap meet with models and diecasts available, also a model contest and photo contest.



The model contest, organized by Tom Tanner of Scale Designs, again featured some great models of sports cars, sports racers and GP cars. Awards were presented for Best 1/12, 1/20-24 and 1/43 scale models.



1/43 Scale Winner



1/12 Scale Winner



1/24 Scale Winner



Small scale Chaparral Can-am



Ferrari 612 and 1969 Camaro TransAm racer in 1/24.



1/43 Porsche 918



The rainy weather outside kept some of the neat real cars from stopping in but there were plenty of exotic cars inside the dealership to drool over all day.



GTR club table: Members Les Whitfield, Gerry Paquette and Dave Edgecomb selling stuff.

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, Renault, VW, Trabant, 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



May 30 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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

June 12-24 24 Heures du Mans
LeMans, France

June 12 19th Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Park KS
www.kcslammers.com

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 25 Brickyard 400
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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
Algonquin Township Offices
Cary, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 22 Road America ALMS
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 28 Peak Anti Freeze Indy 300
Chicagoland Motor Speedway

Sep 11 Gateway to the West Show and Swap
Hosted by IPMS Gateway St Louis
Doug Barton 636-332-9960

Sep 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Sep25 Nordic-Con 2010
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
Robert Maderich 612-423-2985

October 9 Toledo NNL
Sylvania Exhibition Center Sylvania, OH
716-434-0733

October 16 IPMS/Glue Crew Contest
Howard Johnson Conf Center, Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

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

October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.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
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Region 5 Convention: June 18-19
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

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Parking lot at the Ferrari Expo – Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale

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Next GTR Meeting: May 15, 2010

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