



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.**

**October GTR Meeting will be at the Lake
Michigan Model Car Club Annual Open
House in Bensenville**

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

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GTR Mailbag

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by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry



Revell Germany Releases

Revell Germany keeps releasing nice new race car kits. There are no less than three 2010 F1 subjects in 1/24 scale due for November release, the current McLaren, Ferrari and Mercedes cars.



07096 McLaren Mercedes MP4-25 Hamilton

07097 McLaren Mercedes MP4-25 J. Button



07099 Ferrari F10



07098 Mercedes-Benz GP W01

And by year end there should be a new 1/24 kit of the latest Mercedes supercar, the SLS AMG, available as well.



07100 Mercedes SLS AMG

Round 2 NASCAR COT Kits

The first two 1/25 NASCAR Car of Tomorrow kits should showing up on stores shelves any time now.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. #88 Item No: AWMK007



Jimmie Johnson #48

Item No: AWMK008

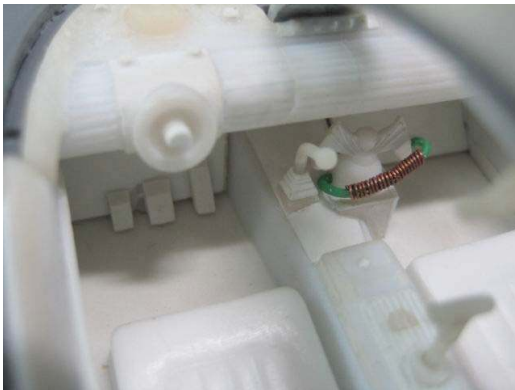


The #5 Mark Martin and #24 Jeff Gordon kits will soon follow.

These are snap kits. Word is that the plans for glue versions have been put on hold at this time.

Round 2: 1/25 Batmobile News

The highly anticipated new 1/25 scale kit of the 1966 TV series Batmobile, originally planned to be released in spring of this year, has been pushed out to February 2011.



This was confirmed on their website, which has provided these photos of test shots of the new snap kit.



Real World

Ferrari 458 Recall

In September Ferrari recalled the new Ferrari 458 Italia. Several cars recently were reported to have burst into flames. The cars will have modifications made to the wheelhouse assembly.



Porsche Speedster Returns

Porsche is bringing back the 911 Speedster some 16 years and three model generations after it last was featured in the German sports-car maker's lineup.

Paying homage to the car that kicked off Porsche's fascination with the chopped-top look, the original 356 Speedster launched in 1953 at the behest of its U.S. importer. The new 911 Speedster uses standard bodywork but receives a shorter and more heavily raked windscreen than other 911 models.

The car was created to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Porsche Exclusive, the company's in-house individualization program. In a move that will ensure its exclusivity, Porsche says it plans to produce just 356 examples of the new 911 Speedster, at about \$150,000.

Events

iHobby Expo

The iHobby industry show at Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont is open to the trade only the first two days. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, October 23-24, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

See the events calendar for details of these shows and for all of the events that I know of. We are adding the 2011 events. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

Random Thoughts

By Les Whitfield

Well, it has been over a year since I have produced a column and with new events I decided I needed to bring up some thoughts.

Piero Ferrari, Enzo's other son has a private engineering firm. For the past four years it has been collaborating with certain NASCAR teams!

Steve Williams became the New Zealand Saloon Car Champion driving a Mustang for Caddyshack Racing. He is Tiger Woods caddy.

I was at the Hobby Lobby in Mount Prospect recently perusing the models when a young fellow (about 15-16) asked what all this stuff was! I told him model car kits. He looked at me as if I was explaining string theory to him. After a while he said thanks and went. I think it is a sad day that the youth has never heard of model car kits. I got the shock then when I saw the price of some of the kits. \$21.99, \$24.99. There is nothing like raising the price of a product when the markets are soft. Can someone explain why anyone would spend the money to produce a new mold for the old Rommel's Rod kit?

I am amazed that when companies need to pass along cost increases for such things as raw materials or transportation they never lower them when costs go down. One of my favorites, devils food cookies, doubled in price a few months ago!

Why did Wal-Mart (or any of the oil companies) raise the price of their synthetic oil? Isn't it supposed to be made out of the preverbal test tube and not out of mineral oil? And, why such a major increase? Now that there is a surplus of fuel to make and deliver it why hasn't the price gone down? It's just more speculators trying to pad their pockets. Remember the coffee shortage a few decades ago? I never saw a return of the two or three-pound can of the grounds when the shortage ended or any price reductions. The model companies moved their manufacturing to China because they said they could not afford to produce them in the USA any longer. Did they drop the prices? No, they increased them.

Now I believe in a capitalist system and they have the right to do what ever they want. Maybe soon they will find declining profits as we start to go and no one is replacing us. Short-term profit never leads to long-term business.

I have to say there have been some great new products released recently.

With the loss of Roy Rogers his personal items were auctioned off. He had his unique 1963

Pontiac Bonneville convertible with cow horns on the front, and six shooters for the door handles. The fender ornaments, rifles on the flanks, the door panels, seat backs, brake and gas peddles, and steering wheel festooned with silver dollars. Ahh, those were the days when we had heroes that were worthy of our admiration.

Now for something entirely new: The "WHAT??"

Do you know any people (like I do and regularly see on the roads) that move onto a ramp and then turn on their directional signals? I mean, what are they doing? Explaining what they just did because we're too dumb to understand? I mean WHAT??



GTR Update

For the October meeting we will be taking a road trip, to join up with the Lake Michigan Model Car Club at their annual open house meeting. They meet in Bensonville, IL, at the Faith Community Church Hall. Members will get the flyer with map and address. We will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake for the November meeting, on the regular schedule and location.

At the August meeting we discussed doing a club project kit or subject for next year using some of the proceeds from the NNL. So far we have received three nominations for a club project kit: Revell 57 Chevy Black Widow, Revell Ferrari California and the Revell ARC Viper. Members should contact me with any other suggestions to be discussed at an upcoming meeting – we need to make a decision by November.

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

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.

September GTR Meeting

GTR's last meeting was September 18 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. During the business portion, we did the Treasury report and the mailbox. We talked about potential subjects for the club project kit. VP Steve Jahnke did a demo on his polishing techniques.

Here are photos of some of the kits and models from Show & Tell at the meeting.



Steve Jahnke: Presented a polishing demo.



Dave Edgecomb: a first look at the Island Collectibles resin Porsche 911 HSR (see the review elsewhere this issue), also a Revell 57 Chevy Black Widow kit.

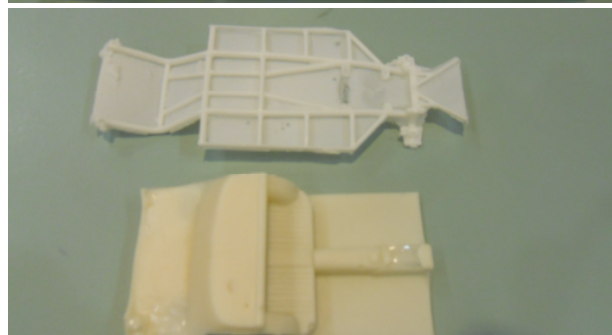


Chuck Herrmann: The Batcoupe (an Aluma Coupe/Batmobile kit bash – see front cover

photo), the Jorgenson Resin 1967 STP Turbine, and an Monogram Beer Wagon rebuild project.



Les Whitfield: a resin kit of a Ferrari 250 GT Pininfarina Coupe, from the Finnish company Air-Trax.



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! We are going through the annual renewal process this month, and we need five active national IPMS/USA members to renew. Often we have had issues getting the required amount of IPMS members, so help out GTR as well as the IPMS and join or renew now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org, or see me for membership forms.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2011 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Omaha, NE
The website for the 2011 Nationals is now up
and running:

<http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>

No 2011 Region 5 Convention since the
National is in region 5

2012 Nationals: Orlando, FL

First Look: 1973 Daytona Porsche RSR in resin

Subject: Porsche 911 RSR Daytona
1973

Manufacturer: Island Collectibles

Kit#:2410 Scale: 1/24

By Dave Edgecomb/Chuck Herrmann

The 1973 Daytona 24 Hours winning Porsche RSR is the subject of a new resin 1/24 kit from Island Collectibles. Decals are provided to build the winning Brumos car as well as the Roger Penske team entry. Also you can build the Sebring Gerrard #59 version.



The kit consists of a one piece resin body, which is cleanly cast. Resin wheels, black resin tires, vac formed "glass" and lots of resin detail pieces along with a sprue of photoetch.

For info and availability, see their website at:

www.islandcollectibles.net



The kit.



Winner: #59 Peter Gregg/Hurley Haywood



DNF: #6 Donahue/Follmer



Kit Review: New Revell Germany DTM Audi

By Tim Liecht



Subject: Audi A4 DTM

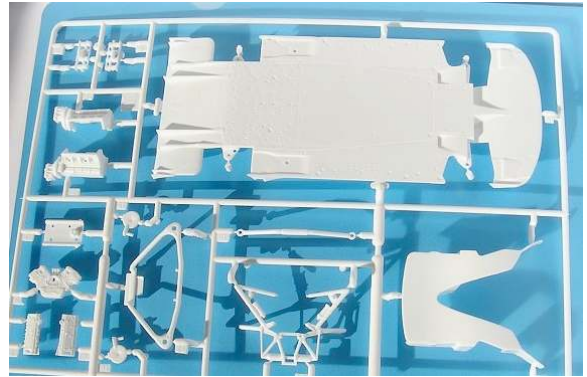
Manufacturer: Revell Germany

Kit#: 7176 **Scale:** 1/24

With the general LACK of new, current race car kits lately, I must say I was anticipating the release of these new 2009 DTM race kits from Revell Germany. At least one model company has stepped up to the plate and wants to give race car modelers what they crave- NEW BLOOD! Read on and you will see how Revell Germany is becoming very Tamiya like with their current round of kits. The A4, along with the Mercedes, will be released in two variants each, giving race car builders four new kits to build. AND, there's more race kits coming from Revell Germany later in the year of some of last year's F1 cars as well. THANK YOU Revell Germany! Now to the kit:



First the body- The molding on this kit is very smooth and thin. It needs little sanding prep for

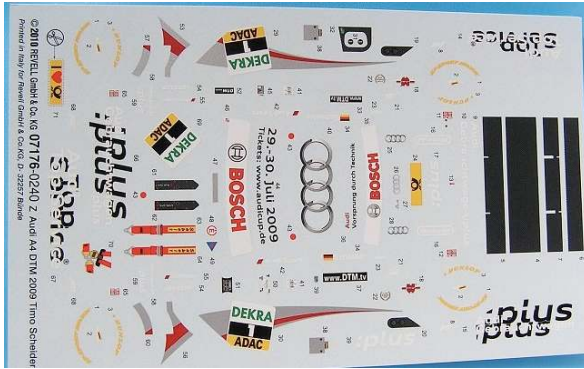


paint. The very complex ladder style diffusers are separate pieces that need to be glued to the body shell. They are also quite thin and really adds to the aggressive shape of the body. The rear spoiler is molded in one piece with the brackets as well. I recommend assembling this to the body before painting. Since the wing has carbon fiber decals, the only other part that needs paint on it is the outside of the wing side plates in silver. Spray those first and mask before mating the wing to the body. All the other body parts on this version are black, so painting becomes a snap.

The decal sheet from Cartograf is flawless, with crisp printing. When this car is painted and decaled it is one of the meanest looking cars on the track, with lots of "Pumpatude"!



The chassis is a flat plate with lower suspension parts molded on. There is a lot of detail molded into the bottom of the chassis pan. The interior is stacked onto the base plate with multiple pieces and is a work of art! There is lots of detail painting required here because of all the intricate details molded in. When finished, it is as good as any Tamiya sedan race car kit. All suspension components are there along with full brake details, mounted between the wheel halves much like the Audi R8 kit. I'm a little disappointed in the detail on brakes however. They could have been done better. The chrome plating on the wheels, along with some of the other parts on that sprue, like the exhaust is a complete waste of plating. The real car's wheels are epoxy painted silver and the exhaust is stainless steel. The four ring Audi logo is also a waste as it is too thick for the grille. And just try to sand the sprue cut marks without breaking it, and plated as well. A metal transfer or decal, much like the R8 kit would have worked better.



Now for the icing on the cake. This car has a removable front clip, so you get a full engine and gearbox, along with underhood chassis bits like shock gas cartridges and other goodies. As I said, this kit rivals Tamiya sedan kits all the way! When finished this is a stunning example of this race car.

Tips and Tools

Each month this column will feature a short article on a new or unique technique or tool. All readers are encouraged to submit a few paragraphs, maybe a picture or two, of something you would like to share with fellow modelers. Feel free to pass along anything you feel would be of interest to fellow modelers – we welcome submissions from all readers, not just GTR members!



Loctite easy Brush Super Glue

Last month Steve Jahnke shared his tip for using a McDonald's sundae cover as a base for holding up super glue (or other spillable bottles) on your workbench to prevent messy spills.

While at the ALMS race at Road America in August, Loctite had a display tent and was passing out free sample products. They have a super glue C/A cement that comes in a wide base dispenser, very similar to Steve's idea.

I tried the glue, it seems to work fine, like other C/A glues in a limited test. So it is another super glue alternative.



**Happy Halloween
from GTR Auto
Modelers!**

GTR Event Calendar



2010

Oct 9 Toledo NNL and Swap
NNL Theme: Bikes, Trikes and Motorcycles
Sylvania Exhibition Center Sylvania, OH
716-434-0733
www.OldTpyLandShows.com

Oct16 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

Oct23 16th Annual Circle City Model Contest and
Swap Meet by Circle City Modelers
Theme: Going Topless (Convertibles)
First Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis IN
Tom Nungester tn68droptop@yahoo.com

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

Oct 31 – Happy Halloween!

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

Nov 13 28th Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Contest
Lakeview Jr HS Downers Grove, IL
John Wendt 630-969-9016

Nov 21 Open House Brian's Pro Shop & Hobby
1211 S 4th St Dekalb, IL
815-758-4801
www.briansproshopandhobby.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
With model car contest
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com



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Feb 27 57th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Apr 9 Milwaukee NNL

Apr 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show
Waukesha County Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

Apr 28-May 1 GSL XXIII International Scale
Vehicle Championship and Convention
Sheridan City Center, Salt Lake City, UT
www.gslchampionship.org

Aug 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Omaha, NE
<http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>



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