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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD



LeMans – Green Racing News



Much of the news from this year's 24 Hours of LeMans concerns the increasing concerns to make racing greener. The Audis easily won again after Peugeot did not race in 2012 and the Toyotas dropped out. The big news was that the top Audis and the Toyotas were diesel-hybrids, and a hybrid won for the first time. And the new rules announced at this year's race are aimed increasing fuel efficiencies. In 2014 cars will only be allowed a specified amount of fuel per lap, regardless of engine size. Also all prototypes must be coupes by 2014. And a new Asian LeMans will be launched, with four of six races to be held in chain with only one in Japan, an indication of the shifting global economy.

ALMS to Circuit of The Americas in 2013

The American Le Mans Series (ALMS) has announced today that its 2013 season will include a race at Circuit of The Americas (COTA) – the soon-to-be-completed motorsports, entertainment and business development complex in Austin, Texas. The ALMS event will take place during the spring

portion of the 2013 race schedule, which will be announced later this year.

Ferrari P4/5



Jim Glickenhaus's Ferrari P4/5 Competizione is one of the most fascinating automotive stories ever. It all started with the American businessman's desire to build his very own Ferrari hyper car based on the Enzo with cues from older models. He did that, but he wasn't satisfied. So he went on and created a version of that as well. And he just popped in an amazing Nurburgring lap record to show he's not just a rich old man messing about.

The last Ferrari to set a 'Ring record was the 599XX track car which [managed 6 minutes 58 seconds](#). So at 6 minutes 51 seconds the P4/5 Competizione is currently the fastest Ferrari ever to go around the Green Hell. Well, it's not a fully-fledged Ferrari out of Maranello, but it uses the same running gear. [autoweek.com](#)

New Alpine Renault



The long-rumored modern-day [Renault Alpine](#) was unveiled in concept form at the Monaco GP. Codenamed A110-50, the Alpine is based on the [Renault DeZir](#) concept, and has 400bhp. So 50 years after the birth of the original Alpine, Renault is bringing it back with a new model. It's not yet confirmed if it will make it into production or not, but Renault wouldn't go through all this just for a show car. And it's been a while since we last saw a sports car from Renault, something that isn't a hatchback anyway. The engine is a 3.5 liter, 400bhp, V6 mounted in the middle of the car inside a tubular chassis.

Another reason to believe Renault is not messing around with this concept car is the fact that they've been reviving all their traditional brands in recent years. Gordini is a good example. The badge returned to the lineup and enjoyed great success. *autoweek.com*

Ferrari F70

These photos of what very well might be a development mule for the next primo [Ferrari](#) — likely to be called the F70—were recently posted on the internet. The [future F70](#) is expected to be a front-runner in the competition between the very best cost-no-object supercars. The F70 will feature a 7.3-liter V12 coupled to a kinetic-energy-recovery system; a combination that will be good for 920 hp. Ferrari has set a weight goal of 2,500 pounds total. This would make the F70 about 500 pounds lighter than its predecessor, the Ferrari Enzo.



The final production-ready F70 will first be shown to a select group of potential customers at the end of 2012 before making its public debut sometime in early 2013. *autoweek.com*

FIAT and MAZDA Partnership

Fiat SpA — the parent company of Chrysler Group LLC — has announced Wednesday a new alliance with Mazda Motor Corp. The two companies signed a nonbinding memorandum of understanding to jointly develop and manufacture two new rear-wheel-drive roadsters based on Mazda's next-generation MX-5 platform: a new Miata and an as yet unnamed Alfa Romeo. The cars will be produced at Mazda's factory in Hiroshima beginning in 2015. Japan's fifth-largest automaker has struggled since Ford Motor Co. sold most of its stake in the company during the recent recession, and industry insiders say it is desperately needs a new partner if it is to survive.

INDUSTRY NEWS

The hobby industry and many GTR members suffered a great loss with the passing of Bill Lastovich on June 6. Bill worked at Revell Monogram for many years. He was a long time hobbyist, very interested in 1/43 modeling. He was seen at most major local events, if not in an

official capacity with Revell than as an avid modeler. We are grateful for his many contributions to our hobby and for being a generous and good friend. He will be missed.

Corvette GTP Resin Reissue

From M&SHobbies we learn that Quikskins will be re-releasing the ever popular Corvette GTP by mid-July, followed shortly thereafter by the Budweiser/Peerless version. Pricing has not been set on the Corvette but it is estimated at approximately \$135 to \$160.



Several new products this year will also be available which will include some of your favorite IMSA and Trans-AM race cars along with a few surprises. For more see: mshobbies_56@yahoo.com

New Lambo Kit



Fujimi will be issuing a 1/24 kit of the new Lamborghini Reventon Kit #12559.

Audi LeMans 2011 Winner in Resin



Profil 24 will be issuing a 1/24 resin/multi media kit of the 2011 LeMans winner Audi R18. Kit 24082. Cost in USD is just over \$250.

AIRFIX's New Modeling Campaign



Airfix has a new promotional slogan that will be used in their advertising. While their automotive new releases remain spare, those who may want to try something different may be interested in their latest racing kit, a racing airplane!

Comet Racer Green (A01013A)
1/72 Scale 5.99 Euro



The de Havilland DH.88 Comet was a twin-engined British aircraft that won the 1934 MacRobertson Air Race. It set many aviation records during the race and afterwards as a pioneer mail plane. G-ACSR came 4th in the race and the pilots Cathcart Jones and Waller went on to record a return time of 13½ days to set a new record.

Friends Hobbies Moving

Friends Hobbies, located in Antioch, will be closing by July 31 and will reopen in Kenosha, WI in mid August. The new address: 520 58th St Kenosha, WI

MEDIA



Does this make you feel old? 50 YEARS of the Rolling Stones!!!! "It's only rock n' roll but I like it, like it, yes I do!"

EVENTS

On the July 8 4th Annual Attack of the Plastic will be held at the Lake Lawn Lodge Resort in beautiful Delavan, WI.

July 14-15 will be the Barrington Coucours d'Elegance at the Makray Memorial Golf Club, open to the public this year. Email to info@barringtonconcoure.org.

Our friends CARS in Minature will be hosting the Model Car Contest at the Pontiac Oakland Club International Convention, July 17-21 at Pheasant Run Hotel in St Charles IL. The contest runs Thursday through noon on Saturday.

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

2012 GTR Summer NNL

The fifth annual GTR Summer NNL is rapidly approaching! The date will be August 5, 2012. The format and location will be the same as prior shows. The theme will be Dirt: Off Road Vehicles, anything designed or modified to be

operated off the pavement. Such as dune buggies, rally racers, dirt track sprints, midgets and stockers, construction equipment and more. We will again have a sub theme, this time it will be commemorating 50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours race, any subject that was or is eligible to compete in the event.

GTR NNL Sponsorships

We are now accepting trophy package sponsorships (\$35 per trophy) as well as donations for our raffle. Several trophies have been sold, contact either Steve Jahnke or Chuck Herrmann to see what classes are still available. See address and telephone info on the cover page. All sponsorships and donations will be acknowledged on the trophies and in all our event coverage and signage.



GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, July 7th, at the Algonquin Township Building. Until we firm up any alternate plans or events, the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The August meeting will be Aug 4th.

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.

We plan on doing a club calendar for 2013, details for getting pictures of members models will be worked out.

GTR will again be participating in the Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories event on Sep 15 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville. Details to follow.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are available on line.

Go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, then click on Newsletters, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

2012 GTR Club Project

If during this year GTR members build a model that fits the Summer NNL themes (Dirt: Off Road and 24 Hours of Daytona: Sports Racing cars) and present it (or via an emailed photo) at a club meeting or event before the GTR Summer NNL you will get your club dues of \$15 refunded.

June GTR Meeting

The regular June 2012 GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on June 2. I was unable to attend so thanks to Steve for running the meeting. For the brief business portion of the meeting we discussed the upcoming GTR Summer NNL. Then it was on to Show & Tell.



There was plenty of good stuff on the table!

Ed Sexton: Profile 24 kit of the 1981 Monte Carlo Rally Talbot Sunbeam Lotus, a full detail kit...



and a Fujimi Datsun SR311 kit.



Dave Edgecomb: Exoto Nissan LeMans,



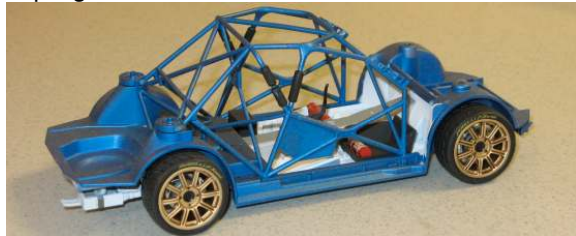
and Tamiya's Lotus Type79 1978 kit in 1/20.



Doug Fisher: Hasegawa Porsche 962C in Blaupunkt markings...



Also a Subaru WRC kit from Monte Carlo 2005 in progress.



Steve Jahnke: Revell 2010 Camaro SS built up



Tim Leicht: The SimilR kit of the Matech Ford GT as raced in Europe...



And a Triumph TR8 kit from Monogram



GTR Classifieds

For Sale: Complete set of *Car Modeler*, May 1990 through September 1998, in four original *Car Modeler* binders.

Complete set of *Scale Auto Enthusiast* (*Scale Auto* starting January 2002), May 1979 through December 2011, in original *Scale Auto Enthusiast* and *Scale Auto* binders:

Contact: Ronald Spanraft, (847) 548-2635, rmps13@yahoo.com

Wanted: Photos of the Lotus 56 STP Turbine Car as raced in USAC road races in 1968, especially Riverside. Cars #40 (Pollard) and #60 (Leonard/Andretti). Need cars in road race trim, I have plenty of photos from Indy.

Also, I need the injector stacks for the MPC 1/20 scale McLaren M8D kit – either from the kit or aftermarket.

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IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. 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.

From the Region 5 Coordinator Kelly Quirk:
Hello Region 5,

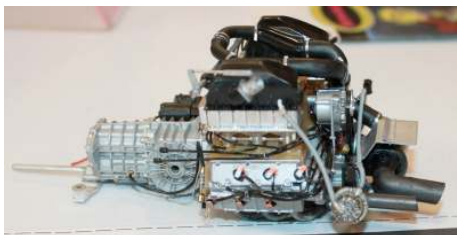
The 2012 Region 5 Convention (May 19) was a raging success! I don't have all of the numbers yet, but attendance was very good, great vendors, a spectacular raffle, and some show stopping models were on display. I haven't heard a single complaint yet, and have received a lot of nice compliments. Kudos to the hard working members of IPMS/West Central Missouri for hosting a great event - well done!

The club will have all of the photos posted soon on the club web site – see: <http://www.ipmswcmo.org/>

Here are some photos of automotive entries – note that the Best in Show as a Honda GP model!



Ken Leslie – Best of Show and Best Auto Honda F1 racer.



Best Misc was a scratch built go-kart.



IPMS Support the Troops Initiative

Support the Troops Initiative (SST) was the IPMS Wounded Warriors honorary chapter, located in San Antonio, TX at Brooke Army Med. Ctr. (BAMC). BAMC is the hospital to which a large number of our Wounded Warriors are sent for treatment and rehabilitation. IPMS members and chapter across Region 6, as well as individuals and clubs from across the U.S., have been supporting the Warriors through donations of hobby supplies for a number of years.

Recently, and in a large part due to small "article" that appears in Fine Scale Modeler, several other individuals have launched SST programs in their communities or at their active duty stations. You can visit the IPMS Gallery and view images highlighting these various programs, and also read descriptions of each program, which includes the very important contact information for each program. That web page can be viewed at <http://www.ipmsusa3.org/gallery/v/stt/>

You and your Chapter are encouraged to make contact with the persons who serve as the Point of Contact for each individual program, and to work with them to supply models, tools, and other necessary items.

There is a list of those who have provided donations on that same url. Among those listed are several chapters in Region 6 that have donated table space during their annual events so that IPMS/USA can set up a Donation Station to collect hobby items. IPMS El Paso has graciously provided funding to cover shipping costs to our international programs.

Please consider becoming active in the STT program and by provided hobby items to our troops and Wounded Warriors. If you have questions about how to launch such a program in your community, or have questions about how to organize your effort, please feel free to contact the IPMS Secretary at ipmssec@ipmsusa.org.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL
www.ipms2012.org

2013 Region 5 Regional TBD
2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO

Revell 2010 Camaro SS

by Steve Jahnke

reprinted from www.ipmsusa.org



Manufacturer: Revell

Kit#: 85-4239 **Scale:** 1/25

The Chevrolet Camaro was Chevy's answer to the pony car sweepstakes in the late 60's. Over the years, the "Bow-Tie" boys brought out many exciting and powerful Camaros to do battle with Ford and Chrysler. After a short hiatus in early 2000, Chevy brought back the Camaro in its current retro styling that harks back to the car's 1969 aggressive styling. Today's Camaro is truly a state of the art Pony Car, in part because it rolls on modern and expensive independent rear suspension (IRS) components just like its big brother Corvette; engine power ranges from its base 304 bhp V6 engine while V8s are available up to the 6.2 litre 400 bhp L99 engine.

The Kit:

Our subject kit from Revell comes packaged as a 'Special Edition' release. This kit is based on brand-spanking new tooling. When I first saw news of this release, I thought it was going to be a rehash of their previously released snapper-based Camaro prototype. In a word, this kit is awesome and both rivals and betters the best that Tamiya and Fujimi have to offer these days. The extra detailing and tooling put into the chassis and engine components allow them to be displayed as separate models.



The Build:

As usual, my first step in any build was to spend some time on Google looking for pictures of the Camaro for inspiration about what I was going to build. Quickly, I found a number of pictures of the new Camaro fitted with the "ground effects" lower body cladding and custom wheels that are

included in the 2'n 1 kit. Since I had chosen the dark red pearl version of the car I saw online, the paint would be Tamiya's rattle can TS39 Mica Red. For those of you who have never used Tamiya rattle can paints, I can attest that they are among the best and easiest to use.

The engine assembly is made up of 18 pieces; it is a jewel of a model by itself. Revell has added a lot of detail and excellent engineering to this mini-kit.



The front and IRS (independent rear suspension) components have a jewel-like quality for something that will be hidden from plain sight. I spent about 25% of my build time detailing the underside of this kit; I particularly like how the IRS looks when in place.



Again following pictures garnered off of the internet, I chose to "2-tone" the interior. I first painted all of the two tone components in Mica red. After allowing the red paint to dry, I then hand-painted everything else black. When dry, I shot a couple coats of semi-gloss clear onto the entire interior to even all of the tones. With everything painted, I began the final assembly.



As you can see from the pictures of the completed model, I chose to use the traditional double stripe "SS" hood stripes, although Revell was thoughtful enough to add the inverted hockey stick and single stripe SS decals as a variant; way to go!

I had absolutely no build and fit issues with this kit, and recommend adding this kit to your collection if you haven't already picked one off the shelf. The decal sheet is very well done; the large hood and trunk stripes will require the use of a decal wetting agent and a little extra time in getting them to smooth down over the hood.

Conclusion:

Revell has given us Pony Car fans a great and welcome addition to the current stable of American muscle cars. I found this kit to be very well engineered and executed, making for a handsome addition to the Mustang and Challenger models currently in the Revell lineup. Considering the parts count and the excellence in kit engineering, modelers from moderate to pro will enjoy building this kit. Thanks to Revell for supplying this review kit and IPMS/USA for allowing me to review this kit for you.

Tips and Tools

Each month (well, most months, as something is contributed)) 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!

Gundam Marking Pen



Last meeting, Ed Sexton described how he did panel lines on his models using a Gundam Marking Pen. Gundam/Bandai is a Japanese model company best known for their line of figures and sci fi models. Especially stuff like Transformers and Japanese's sci fi. I was not really aware they also have many tools and supplies in their lineup.

This description is from the Gundam website:

Super easy ink drawing in the recessed line moldings. You can draw in the recessed mold lines smoothly with ink using the ultra thin pen point of 0.3mm. You can get a sharp and realistic look easily even without painting. Paint run off can easily be removed with a rubber eraser. This is a mechanical pencil type ink drawing pen.

The price seems to range from \$3-5 on the internet. See: www.gundamplanet.com

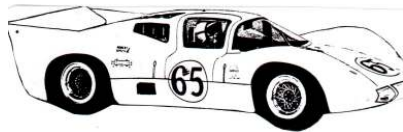
2012 GTR Summer NNL 5th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: **DIRT-Off Road**



**Sub-Theme: 50 Years
of the Daytona 24 Hours
Sports Car Racing**



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 5th 2011 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 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.

Classes:

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: Dirt Off Road	All scales, all types	Anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Dune Buggies, Rally racers, dirt racers, etc.
50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours	All scales, all types	Any sports racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Daytona 24 Hours
People's Choice	Any model in the contest.	

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GTR Event Calendar

July 8 4th Annual Attack of the Plastic
Lake Lawn Lodge Resort Delavan, WI
Rick Allan 262-728-5003

July 12 Redman Vintage Weekend
Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

July 19-21 Model Car Contest
at Pontiac Oakland Club International
Convention
Contest hosted by CARS in Miniature
Pheasant Run, St Charles IL
www.poci.org

July 29 Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Aug 8-11 IPMS National Convention
Disney World, Orlando, FL
www.ipms2012.org

August 5 5th Annual GTR Summer NNL
Theme: DIRT (Off Road)
Subtheme: 24 Hours of Daytona
Algonquin Township Building Crystal Lake, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 18 Road America ALMS
Elkhart Lake, WI

Sep15 Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories
Raceway Woods Carpentersville, IL
www.mirpa.org

Sep29 Nordic Con Contest and Swap
IPMS/Twin Cities Aero Historians
Productivity Inc Plymouth, MN
John Ross plasticmodeler@yahoo.com

Sep 30 60th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
(630) 969-1847
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com.

Oct 6 NNL 33
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH
Email to osplenn@aol.com

Oct 7 Toledo Collectors Toy Fair
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH
www.oldtoylandshows.com

Oct 20 IPMS Glue Crew Contest & Swap
Howard Johnson's, Wausau WI
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside
Countryside, Illinois 60525
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 18 (hopefully...) US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas
Austin TX

Dec 2 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



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Happy Independence Day
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