



GTR

Newsletter

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Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs

2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

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2019 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Algonquin Township Building

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MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

Trumpeter 1/12 US Sports Car

Trumpeter has announced a reissue of their 1/12 Ford GT kit.



But this time the Ford name and logos are missing! It is called US Sports Car. I assume it is a royalty issue.

Revell News

At last month's IPMS National Convention in Chattanooga, TN, Revell had a display of new and future releases.



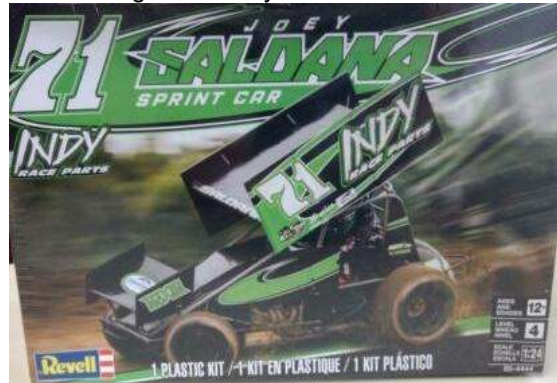
Our own Ed Sexton at the display



This Land Rover new tool looks interesting.



Revell's 1/24 Sprint Car kit will be reissued with markings for a Joey Saldana version.



The 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo is being reissued.



Revell Germany has announced a 1913 Ford Model T kit. This appears to be based on the ICM tooling already found in several ICM kits.

AMT New Stuff



The upcoming 1965 Chevy Chevelle Surf Wagon will include two surfboards, a roof rack and surf style decals.

New Belkits Rally Cars



The next new rally cars from Belkits will be 1986 MG Metro 6R4s, kit BEL015 & BEL016.

Hasegawa Nissan



The next version of the 1/24 Nissan R91CP from Hasegawa will be the 1992 Daytona 24 Hour winner. Good thing I waited, now I can get the version I wanted without buying aftermarket decals.

Hobby Lobby

I don't know if it is cause for alarm, but during my last trip to Hobby Lobby I noticed the model section had shrunken. Three rows of diecasts were on shelves that had been plastic kits. Also not much new selection since they had a clearance last month. And there were more toys, like erector sets, in the aisle. Hopefully that is just a holiday set up.

Media

The current July/August 2019 *IPMS/USA Journal* features several auto modeling articles, including one by your editor. My build of the AMT Surf Woody is included, as is an interview with our own Ed Sexton on Revell kit design and selection.

Events

The Meadowdale Memories and Motorsport Show will be September 7 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville.

The next Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton will be Sept 29.

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

GTR on Facebook

GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed from the site.



GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, Sept 7, at 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. Any member who wants to bring up other ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so either at the meeting or contact us.

August GTR Meeting

The August GTR regular meeting was held on 8/3/2019 at the Algonquin Township building. The main activity was setting up the Summer NNL the next day, so no Show & Tell photos this month.

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Thanks to all our photo contributors: Steve Jahnke, Gerry Paquette, Joel Peters and Larry Fulhorst. More photos can be found on the GTR Auto Modelers Facebook page.

The 12th Annual GTR Summer NNL was held on Sunday, August 4. The location was once again at the Algonquin Township Building in Crystal Lake, IL. Over 160 models were entered by 26 participants from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Missouri.

The winners were picked by participant voting. Here are photos of the winning entries.



The spark plug style trophies were pretty cool!



Display tables filling up.









2019 GTR Summer NNL Winners



Rich Shepard - 1969 AMX Pro Touring
Street – Rick Shepard, 1969 AMX Pro Touring



Mike Klessig - Ferrari F-2005 F1 Car
Open Wheel Competition – Mike Klessig, Ferrari 2005



Tim Kasper - Bone Daddy Caddy
Custom – Tim Kasper Bone Daddy Caddy



Debbie Kasper - Little Belle Florist Custom Van
Commercial – Debbie Kasper Ford Florist Van



Kevin Koch - 1926 Model T Street Rod
Out of the Box – Kevin Koch 1926 Ford Street Rod



Tim Kasper - SC/Rambler Racer
Competition Closed Wheel - Tim Kasper AMC Rebel Dragster



Paul Johnston - 1966 Nissan Silvia
Curbside – Paul Johnson 1966 Nissan Silvia



Jonathan Rinaldi - Chevy Corvette
Juniors Winner – Jonathan Rinaldi Chevy Corvette



Dave Roeder - Pratt and Whitney WASP R-1340
Misc/Motorcycles – Dave Roeder Pratt & Whitney Engine



Mike Klessig - Mercedes AMG GT3
Tim Leicht Memorial People's Choice – Mike Klessig Mercedes SLK GT3

2019 GTR NNL Trophy Winners

Category	Sponsor	Winner	Car
Competition Open Wheel	GTR	Mike Klessig	Ferrari F2005
Competition Closed Wheel	SLAM	Jim Kaspar	1969 SC/Rambler
Street	NISM	Rich Shepard	1969 AMX
Custom	GTR	Jim Kaspar	1959 Bone Daddy's Caddy
Commercial	GTR	Debbie Kaspar	1938 Custom Ford Van
Motorcycles/Misc.	GTR	Dave Roeder	Pratt Whitney Wasp R-1340
Curbside	GTR	Paul Johnson	1966 Nissan Silvia
Juniors	Walt Fink	Jonathan Rinaldi	Chevy Corvette
Out of the Box	Revell	Kevin Koch	1926 Model T Rod
NNL Theme Camaro	CARS	Kevin Koch	1969 ZL1
NNL Theme Woodies	Steve Jahnke	Kevin Koch	1941 Ford 2 Door
Tim Leicht Memorial	Doug Fisher	Mike Klessig	Mercedes AMG GT3

*Congratulations to all the winning modelers!
And thanks to all our sponsors and to everyone who attended and entered.*



Theme - Best 1969 Camaro.
Kevin Koch

Theme – Best Woody
Kevin Koch



2019 IPMS/USA National Convention Chattanooga TN

The 2019 IPMS/USA National Convention was held August 7-10, in Chattanooga TN. The venue was the Chattanooga Convention Center.

If you have not had the chance to attend a National, these are huge events! They start on a Wednesday, and the Award Presentation is Saturday night. The official figures for this year were 3,112 contest entries and 1,675 display only and "Blast from the Past" (previous Nationals winners) models. The number of modelers entered was 961 registrations. The large vendor rooms had 450 vendor tables. There were also many seminars and presentations.

At each convention the annual Chapter Awards are presented, They were:

- RC-6 Sean Glaspell (Southwest Region) for Regional Coordinator
- IPMS/Livonia in Michigan for Website,
- IPMS/Orange County in California for

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- IPMS/Grand Strand Scale Modelers in South Carolina for Chapter,
- Rob Boothe of IPMS/Tex Hill for Member of the Year.

Also, the locations of future conventions were selected, 2021 will be Las Vegas, NV. 2022 will be Omaha, NE. Next year, 2020, has already been decided, San Marcos, TX.

This link has photo of all the winning models.

http://svsm.org/gallery/chattanooga2019-awards?fbclid=IwAR2Zxx8zrtTaXeuZJBh4oUHj-Wan5UJsfH4HZKQwM4uipv_SBGWU2nWHvQs



Above is a photo of the Best Automotive trophy winner, a 1/20 Eagle Grand Prix race car.



One of the special awards was for Best VW, here is the winner.



Here are some other race class models.



http://svsm.org/gallery/chattanooga2019-awards?fbclid=IwAR2Zxx8zrtTaXeuZJBh4oUHj-Wan5UJsfH4HZKQwM4uipv_SBGWU2nWHvQs



IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. If you are a current IPMS/USA member let Steve or Doug know your member number and expiration date, remember to renew your membership by October each year to make the renewal process smooth. We encourage 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

At the recent National Convention, a proposal to split Region 5 (with its 37 chapters) into two regions was submitted. The northern tier (21 chapters in northern Illinois, northwest Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) would remain as Region 5. The lower tier (16 chapters in Iowa, central and southern Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska) would become Region 14. This will need to be confirmed by the IPMS/USA E-Board.

The 2019 Chapter 5 annual awards were recently announced, they are:

Chapter of the Year: IPMS Alexander Lippisch

Newsletter of the Year: IPMS Gateway Chapter, Editor Bob Delaney

Website of the Year: IPMS Prison City Modelers, Webmaster Mark Gerges

IPMS Calendar

2020 IPMS Region 5 Convention: TBD

July 29-Aug 1, 2020 IPMS/USA Nationals
San Marcos, TX

2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV

2022 IPMS USA Nationals: Omaha, NE

Bobby Allison's Coca Cola NASCAR Monte Carlo



Description: Bobby Allison Monte Carlo Stock Car

Mfr: AMT

Kit #: 1064 **Scale:** 1/25

by Elliot Doering Milwaukee, WI

Bobby Allison is one of NASCAR's most famous drivers, ranking high up on the all-time winner's list, as well as capturing NASCAR's "Most Popular Driver" awards many times. Along with "Red" Farmer, the founder of the infamous "Alabama Gang", brother Donnie, son Davey, and good friend Neil Bonnet, these rough and ready good old boys, fought a life-time feud with the Pettys during the 1970s era of NASCAR racing, some of the most exciting racing in NASCAR history.

Around 1972, Bobby hooked up with another Hall of Famer – the legendary "Junior" Johnson, who had just completed building a 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo.

Bobby shocked the racing world when he and Junior announced they had secured massive sponsorship from Coca-Cola, and the legend of the red and gold #12 "Coke Machine" began.

The Monte Carlo body worked extremely well. So well, that at the closing of the 1972 NASCAR season, Bobby had won 10 times to Petty's 8, and finished in the top five 25 times out of 31 races that year, to finish second to Richard Petty in the run for the 1972 NASCAR championship.

Armed with a very powerful 427 cubic inch big block Chevy motor, Allison waged a season long personal "feud" with Petty, often resulting in some "after race altercations".

This only added to the superstar status of both of these top drivers. The fans seemed equally divided between loyal Allison fans, or

Petty fans. Both Chevy and Dodge pumped tons of money into each team, during the season-long battle for supremacy on the high banks.

I well remember tuning in to Motor Racing Network's weekly coverage of the 1972 NASCAR season, while attending college in California, and when AMT released this kit back in 1972, the kits just flew off the shelves at area hobby shops. Every car modeler wanted to build this kit. And this recent re-release of that 1972 kit, is very well received. It's on the shelves for the New Year at many local hobby shops.

Let's take a look at this exciting kit. To be honest, it's not a state-of-the art kit, it's still vintage 1972 era model technology. But, that doesn't mean it can't be altered to bring it up to 2017 model standards with a little work.

I've seen this model built upon a more modern AMT stock car chassis, rendering more detail than what's present in the kit. With slight frame modifications, the more modern type NASCAR frame can be joined with the kit's Monte Carlo body.

Being a very simple kit, there are only six assembly blocks to build this historic car.

As with most kits, assembly begins with the 427 Chevy Motor. The kit's motor lacks a lot of detail, but after-market parts, or a bit of kit bashing will bring it up to snuff. As with most kits of any era, the carb is rather poorly detailed, and a resin 4-barrel Holley carb will look a lot better. The rest of the motor isn't all that bad. The two halves of the motor block are glued up. Don't forget to file and sand away the joint seam. The heads and valve covers, race oil pan and the front water pump looks the part, as well as the belts and fan. You get the correct Plenum chamber to top with the Wieland intake manifold, and the valve covers include oil breathers. I'd also opt for a pre-wired distributor, drill plug holes, and wire the motor, as well as adding carb linkage, fuel lines etc.

The wheels in step two are not all that great. They are period correct, but just look a bit toyish and clunky. A far better solution would be to get sets of 1970s Weld wheels thru Plastic Performance Products, available thru Southern Motorsports Hobbies, as well as a set of their 1970s tires.

In step three, we work with the frame, which already has the stock muffler and exhaust removed, to make way for a racing exhaust system. A racing fuel cell is included on the one piece chassis, and only needs a bit of detail painting to bring it to life. The drive line is also one piece, and includes the trailing arm suspension, differential, drive shaft, and rear end oil pump. A rear axle brace is also included. Dual shocks for the rear end are added, and the completed motor is set into the frame, and then the race exhaust headers are mated to the motor.

The rear wheels are set into the frame with the included metal axle. You may have to do some modifications if you elect to use the PPP wheels and tires I noted earlier, or if you plan to use a modern AMT stock car frame under this kit's body.

In step four, we attack the interior. While an accurate roll cage is included, I found it does not sit high enough to get the top of the roll cage up into the inside roof of the body. Those using a modern AMT stock car chassis with this body will no doubt need to make modifications as well. Or, you can either graft on pieces to extend the legs of the roll cage, to raise it into proper position. A Thermos water jug, rear end cooler, and fire extinguisher are included for the race interior. However, some of these parts are a bit small. I'd kit bash these parts from a modern stock car kit.

The interior pan is one piece, and has the rear seat already removed for you. A period correct race seat is included, but again I'd kit bash one to replace the kit's seat.

The firewall is attached to the front of the interior pan, along with a race dash, and steering wheel. There are no gauge decals included, but you can add them from a Slixx decal sheet.

We start building the body in step five. The glass is one piece with runners connecting the windshield and rear window, for very easy assembly.

The completed interior with roll cage etc. is then inserted into the body after the glass has been added.

A note is made that you should dry fit the car's hood and front bumper and grill when placing the radiator air shroud. You may need to sand down the top edge of the shroud as needed to prevent a gap between the hood and grill. The radiator is also added to the motor bay in the body.

In block six, the rear spoiler is added to the car's trunk area. It looks a bit thick, and a thinner one could be made from sheet plastic.

The frontal frame braces get added to the firewall and front of the chassis.

You are left to place the battery in any optional location, but most were added to the back corner of the frame.

The gas cap gets added to the indentation made in the rear quarter panel, front spoiler is added below the front grille/bumper, and the side exhaust dumps are mated to the headers.

The front grille and bumper are then added, along with head light covers. The rear bumper is then added. A racing gas can is included, to display along with the car.

AMT has updated this kit with a high quality decal sheet, containing the full markings for the car. The car has red sides, with a gold hood, roof, and trunk area. The Coca-Cola decals are included, along with speed product decals for the

fenders. Also, the four racing tires are Tampo stamped with white Goodyear lettering.

You can elect to build the car right out of the box, into a fairly accurate representation of Bobby Allison's Monte Carlo, or as noted, you can slice and dice a chassis to fit the body, and kit bash parts as well thru-out your build.

With only six assembly blocks, the kit proceeds well and easily along. With adult help, a child of eight could tackle this kit. Skill level is at two.

This car is one of NASCAR's most historic cars, a true racing legend. I rate it about a 7, only because the kit's 1970s technology, and lacks somewhat in detail, with some toy-like, clunky parts.

So if you're into building vintage historic NASCAR models, this kit belongs in your collection. Grab one, and end the summer with a bang! ED



Above - internet photo of a completed kit.

Below - the real thing





GTR 2019 Event Calendar



Sept 14 14th Annual IPMS/Gateway Invitational Model Contest & Swap Meet
Special Category: "1969—Hippies and Heroes"
Holiday Inn St. Louis St. Louis, MO
Chris Merseal 314.226.7163 or crm@inlink.com

Sep 28 Nordic-Con 2019
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Inver Grove Heights, MN
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

Sep 29 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info contact: (630) 969-1847
or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

Oct 12
NNL Nationals #40 The Final Homecoming &
Toledo Collectors' Toy & Model Fair
Exhibition Center at Tam-O-Shanter, Sylvania,
(Toledo), OH
Contact : Rick: papafor66@yahoo.com

Oct 19 SLAM NNL#4
Johnstown Community Center
Johnstown WI
Mastermodeler1950@gmail.com

Oct 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 26 Winnebago Area Model Classic Theme:
50 Years of the Silver Screen
Auto Challenge Class: GT 2 GTO
WAMClassic@gmail.com,
www.WAMClassic.wix.com/wamc,
www.facebook.com/WAMClassic

Nov 3 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 9 37th Annual-IPMS Butch O'Hare Contest
Holiday Inn, Itasca, IL
www.butchoharemodelers.com

Nov 10 Motor City NNL 15
Hosted by Detroit Area Auto Modelers
Macomb Comm Convention Center, Warren MI
See the Detroit Area Auto Modelers on Facebook

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

