



# GTR Newsletter October 2020

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## President's Message: October 2020

I exchange emails with an old boss and friend, Bob Johnson. I'm sure many of you have heard of him. He started out with Monogram Models in the 70s working in the Engineering Dept. He became the first person to hold the position referred to as Product Development Manager. When both Revell and Monogram were purchased by an investment group out of New York, Odyssey Partners, Bob was made VP of Marketing on the Revell side. Later when the sales and marketing dept. of Monogram were brought under the Revell group, I went to work for Bob. He later left and formed Accurate Miniatures then worked for various other companies along the way.

In our correspondence we brought up the question, "How many model companies have come or gone in our time?" I'm sure all of us have some names that come right to mind. I saw a list of what companies existed in the 1960s and it's amazing how few are still here. Thankfully we have had some new ones such as Moebius and Atlantis coming along, but in the end, there are not many now. Even the ones we do have are not producing much in the way of new tooling. We do however have some new foreign companies such as NuNu and Belkits making some interesting all new car kits. It's just a reflection of the market and the amount of car model consumers there are. I know there has been some griping about what Round 2 does with AMT, but I for one appreciate their efforts. They keep things going and even resurrect some long-gone treasures. I wish we could do more at Revell. Where we are now is completely the fault of the totally inept people at the top of Hobbico.

I went to my first model show in a while this past weekend down in Indianapolis. It's a show put on by the Hoosier Model Club. I have been to this show in the past and it is not a big show. But being the first in a long time I decided to go. The show was not any bigger than the previous show I attended. However just getting out and talking to guys was enjoyable. I'm glad I went.

Ed Sexton

## **Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs 2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year 2007, 2008 & 2015 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year 2020 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

**Media**



From [motorsport.com](http://motorsport.com)

Netflix has announced that a new fictional drama series on the life and career of Ayrton Senna has gone into production, due for release in 2022.

The eight-part mini series will be produced by Brazilian filmmaker Gullane in partnership with the Senna family, which has granted "unprecedented access" for the project.

The series will look to show "the intimacy of the man who became a national hero and conquered the world", and is "an invitation to explore the personality and family relationships of the three-time Formula 1 champion".

It follows the success of the *Senna* film, released in 2010, and Netflix's own *Drive to Survive* Formula 1 series that is currently filming its third season in 2020.

The series will start with Senna's move to the UK in 1981 to race in the Formula Ford 1600 championship, and conclude with the accident that claimed his life at the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix.

An array of international locations will be used for the new Senna mini-series, including sets such as the house where Senna grew up in Sao Paulo state, thanks to the family's involvement.

**Celebrity Car Fans**

*Car and Driver* magazine's web page ([caranddriver.com](http://caranddriver.com)) showed pictures of celebrities who are into cars.



We knew Jerry Seinfeld likes Porsches (he has or had at least 46). But Lady GaGa in a race car?



**Industry News**  
**Hallmark**



Christmas is coming. Hallmark will offer a Plymouth Roadrunner ornament.

**Salvino JR**



The Richard Petty 1992 Pontiac from his Farewell Tour is the next Salvino release.

## Hasegawa



A reissue of the Nissan R90VP from the Japanese series in a unique pink livery is coming from Hasegawa.

## Tamiya



Tamiya USA recently updated their Facebook page photo. Does this mean there will be a reissue of the Alpine Renault kit?

## Revell



Another *Fast & Furious* kit. Also a 1962 Chevy Impala Sedan 3n1 that I couldn't find a usable photo of.



The 78 El Camino is being reissued under the Monogram label



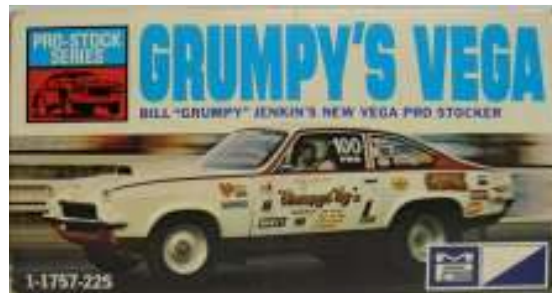
There was also a Revell Facebook post of this 1971 Mustang being measured for a future new kit. But it was taken down later, not sure what that meant.



## AMT



The 1969 Torino is being reissued.



Also the MPC Grumpy's Vega.



## 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. The annual chapter rechartering process has just started. So if you are a current IPMS/USA member let Doug know your member number and expiration date, and remember to renew your IPMS/USA 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

**IPMS/USA Annual Awards – 2020**  
IPMS/USA Chapter of the Year – 2020  
IPMS Chattanooga Scale Modelers  
Chattanooga, TN

IPMS/USA Newsletter of the Year – 2020  
“The Corsair”  
Editor – Lynn Gorton  
IPMS Phoenix/Craig Hewitt Chapter  
Phoenix, AZ

IPMS/USA Website of the Year – 2020  
IPMS San Diego  
San Diego, CA  
Webmaster – Ethan Idenmill

IPMS/USA Member of the Year -2020  
Mike Moore  
IPMS Chattanooga Scale Modelers  
Chattanooga, TN

IPMS/USA Regional Coordinator of the Year – 2020  
Jim Coatney  
Region 5 - Midwest

## IPMS Calendar

2021 IPMS Region 5 Convention –*Date TBD*  
hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL.

Aug 18-21 2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV  
See the webpage at [www.natslv2021.com](http://www.natslv2021.com)  
and also their Facebook page **2021 IPMS Nationals Las Vegas "Very Best of the West"**

2022 IPMS/USA Nationals Omaha, NE

2023 IPMS/USA Nationals San Marcos, TX

## Cancelled 2020 IPMS Nats Calling for Virtual Entries/Photos

(from [ipmsusa.org](http://ipmsusa.org))

Fellow IPMS Members

Based on a member suggestion, we have created a page for members to submit images of their (planned) National Contest entries. This gives members an opportunity to show their hard work and creativity for models that would have been brought to San Marcos this year. You'll find the posting information in the Forums. You may submit images and info for any intended 2020 entry. This gallery is for display purposes only, no judging will take place. Submitting photos of a model does not impact its eligibility for any future contest, so bring it to Las Vegas in 2021!

Send photos of the models you had ready to take to San Marcos to the Journal!

Please include:

An image of the model

The kit manufacturer

Kit name

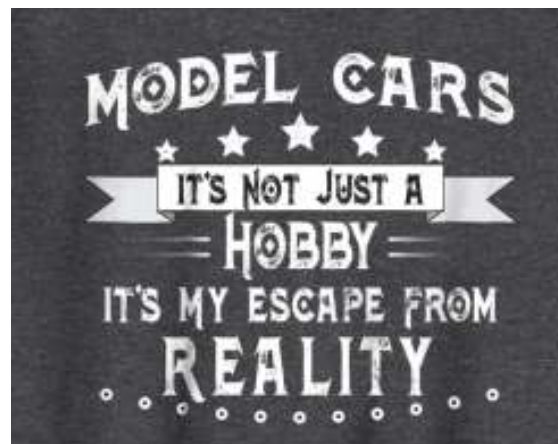
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Your first and last name, your city and state, your country if you live outside the United States

Send to: [artdirector@ipmsusa.org](mailto:artdirector@ipmsusa.org)

## 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 including back issues can be accessed from the site.





## GTR Update

There will be an October meeting on Saturday October 3, at VP Doug Fisher's home in Warrenville, IL. Contact Doug (email on front page) for RSVP and details.

Eventually 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.

## Virtual Show & Tell

With meetings being cancelled or lightly attended we will use this space to show models at the meeting, show on our Facebook page or emailed to me for a virtual show and tell. One advantage is that we can show stuff from our out of town members.

**Ed Sexton**



Revell Datsun 510 done as a race car as driven by Paul Newman.

**Chuck Herrmann**

From Facebook we have:

**Gary Dobson**



Tamiya Porsche 956, chassis complete. To be done as raced 1984 Nurburgring by Ayrton Senna, one of his few non GP drives once he became a full time F1 driver.



Gary also found this old Tamiya price list

**Robert Bernahl**



Next project, MPC Chevy Beretta



# High Desert Modeler



*By Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque NM*

I am a volunteer at the wheels Museum in Albuquerque NM. This is a museum that is housed in one of the old buildings of the former Santa Fe railyard complex in downtown ABQ. While the museum has been shut down due the Corona virus, staff and volunteers have been back to maintain the collection, accept new donations and get ready for reopening, which is happening in October. The theme of the museum is Albuquerque and New Mexico transportation history, so there are train exhibits, also automotive items (especially Rt. 66, which was about a mile south and a two blocks west of the site). There are also a lot of model cars, which I have been setting up in a new display in a separate room.

Among the models that have been donated is a collection of NASCAR models. We do not know the name of the donor and builder. But it is a significant stash, so far I have found at least one hundred. These are from the mid 1980s to early 2000s. Most are Revell and Monogram 1/24 but there are some AMT and MPC 1/25 kits too.



*One of the display cases of NASCAR models*

Many of these models are showing some wear and tear, lots of New Mexico desert dust, also some parts have come off. I am going through the collection, doing repairs and cleaning and polishing them. Also I am building a database of the subjects.

These models were built out the box. They are not contest quality builds but most are competently done. I cannot imagine the time spent sanding all the mold lines from these roll cages! There are no added details but everything is painted, no real glue marks (unless prior caretakers have tried to repair, in which case the contact cement they used is evident). And with

so many obviously most use aftermarket decals. So whoever built these put considerable time and effort into the builds. One thing I want to do is see if the builder can be identified so we can acknowledge his work. If anyone reading this is aware of someone who lived or maybe moved to the Albuquerque area or New Mexico and donated these about 15-20 years ago please contact me.



Refurbished models waiting to go back on display.



Three examples of Nastrucks.



Many need to be cleaned up, water to remove dirt and some polish to shine them up. The windows are often out, and wheels off. This one needed a wire peg to hold a wheel. Luckily by design the bodies on these are easily removed.

# Revell Caddy Low Rider Review



**Description:** Custom Cadillac Lowrider

**Manufacturer:** Revell

**Kit #:** 85-4438 **Scale:** 1/25

By Al Hoffmann *Reprinted from the Hoosier Model Car Association Newsletter*

This kit it is based on a die-cast model. The good news is that everything fits. This release is called the "Custom Cadillac Lowrider". It can only be built as a custom with lowrider sized wheels and tire. If you changed out the wheel and tires to a set from a Johan Cadillac it would closely resemble a 1984 Fleetwood Brougham Coupe.



The engine builds up into a good-looking stock version. The oil and transmission pans are separate. The transmission pan is chrome. This goes into a highly detailed engine compartment that with detail painting will really stand out. There is no lower radiator hose. The frame is molded with the floor pan however the single exhaust is separate. You get a choice between a chromed or unpainted front suspension. Beware, the chrome version is for a lifted version only. Use the other one to lower the car. The rear axle has molded on trailing arms and a choice of two different height coil springs to determine ride height. The rear suspension has separate shocks. The front wheels are secured to the suspension via metal pins and the rears with a metal rod. The chassis is secured to the body with two tabs in the front and two screws, over the rear tires, in the rear. No glue. The wheels and tires strongly resemble Pegasus offerings.



The 13/14" wheels are rims with gold plated inserts. The tires have rubber band type whitewall inserts. I had to put mine in warm water so they would stretch and go into the grooves. The interior is the platform style with nice molding and detail. There is a decal for the instrument cluster. If you choose to use them there are purple decals for seat and door panel inserts. I elected not to use them. The glass is a 1-piece insert, with sun visors, that covers the windshield, rear and opera windows plus the moon roof. It is raised at the moonroof and fits in perfectly. Steering column and wheel are separate. There is an interior rear-view mirror. The body has an opening hood and trunk. The approach to the side trim is fairly unique. As best I can describe it below the body side trim is a separate body panel then below that is a chrome trim panel. This approach is continued behind the rear wheel wells. This is all located and held together with long molded in pins. The pins will need to be trimmed after assembly to allow the chassis/interior to fit. The same type pins are used to locate the grill, headlights and bumpers. These pins are carried over from the die-cast version and were probably done originally to speed and ease assembly. Headlight and taillight lenses are clear. The taillights will need to be painted. The trunk is fitted out with speakers, batteries, and pumps. Both the trunk lid and hood have finished undersides.

On this build I tried Syndicate Customs water-borne candy paint over a Tamiya silver base coat. This paint is very thin and requires multiple coats for depth of coverage. Worked very well for me. I used Upol Clear from the rattle can as a final coat. The white is Tamiya white primer from the rattle can. The decal sheet includes body panel, pinstripes and license decals. This is really a great kit. In my usual fiddly way, it took me longer to build than it should have but I thoroughly enjoyed it. The only correction I made was to fill two holes in the package tray. I have set mine up to be able to interchange the kit wheels for larger Pegasus chrome reversed wheels with whitewall tires. The taller tires are a preference on my part. Highly recommended! Al



# Vintage Kit Review: Revell Porsche 914



**Description:** Porsche 914/6  
**Manufacturer:** Revell **Scale** 1/25 **Kit** H1317  
*by Chuck Herrmann*

This car combines two of my favorite auto brands, Porsche and VW. It was a mid-engined sports car designed, manufactured and by Volkswagen and Porsche from 1969 to 1976. VW needed a sporty car to replace the Karman Ghia, and Porsche wanted an entry level model to replace the 912. So they joined efforts. In the US they were only sold under the Porsche brand. It was only available as a targa topped two seat roadster powered by either a flat-4 or flat-6 engine.



Revell issued a model, kit 1317, in 1970. There were several subsequent reissues, some including race car parts (because all Porsches eventually get raced!)



*Other releases of this kit – the orange one acted as my inspiration.*



This version was reissued about two years ago, and I was able to grab several. So when I came across the old one on my shelf I figured it was time to finally complete it.

My story building this one began after I purchased it in a bag at the Hillside (IL) swap meet in 1993. It was sold as a started bagged kit, with the top of the box in the bag. Someone had began the build, but the body was cracked in several places, the window frame was cracked and some of the clear pieces were missing. I do not have any photos from that time, at least that I can find, so here is a picture of what I had in the box a few months ago.



I decided to do a race car version. There is a 914 that appears in the movie LeMans, the factory race car, and many other versions that were turned into private racers. It is often seen at club or historic events. With the broken window frame I decided to do an open version, based loosely on the kit release that featured the Ritchie Ginther SCCA racer.

My kit came molded in yellow. It is a full detail kit with engine and suspension. Whatever deals were there were long gone. Many Revell kits from this era were designed with lots of small, fiddly bits that did not feature secure mounting points. And the chrome was not very



good, especially after twenty something years. I built the chassis out of the box. And after some thought I decided to just glue the engine (the six cylinder was included in the kit) in place because the body repair would not really allow the mid engine cover, separate from the truck which had to be permanently glued shut to fix the body issues. After a lot of work repair the cracked rear fenders (this was early into my return to the hobby, I was still using Testors body putty and tube glue) over several months I tried painting, it cracked again so back into the box it went.

After probably a few years I picked it up again, my skills had improved a bit and I was able to get the body straight and sturdy enough to continue. At that time I dechromed the front and rear bumpers. My kit was missing the clear lights on the front fenders, but race cars often had these removed. An odd feature in the interior is that the passenger seat comes molded into the interior pan, but the drivers seat is separate. I cut out the passenger seat, and replaced with sheet stock. I also used sheet plastic to replace the interior door panels to give it a stripped out race interior. The targa bar was cracked, I repaired that. I found some roll cage pieces that fit then used some plastic rod to make a full cage. The kit tires are terrible two piece units that I replaced with some from the spares box. The kit Fuchs wheels were dechromed and painted aluminum. For some reason everything got put back into the box. Ultimately it was packed up for my big move and not touched until this spring.

Fast forward to earlier this year, as I came across several models started yrs ago I decided to wrap this one up. First thing was to lower the suspension. Since this was to basically be a curbside I just chopped the kit shock off and ground down the points there the suspension glues to the frame. Not real pretty but it works if you don't look to close. The body was actually ready to go, whatever filler I used has held up so I reprimed with white Duplicolor rattle can primer, then sprayed it with Testors rattle can lacquer Hugger Orange. I did not add a clear coat, as I think it would look more like an amateur club racer if I just polished it out.



The interior was sprayed with some gray primer. I found a NASCAR race seat that I cut down to fit, then added some paper (copy from a decal sheet) seat belts. A racier looking steering

wheel and bigger shifter came from the parts box along with a fire extinguisher and an extra tach.



Underneath I painted it all flat black. The engine is various shades of aluminum and silver. The stock exhaust features the pipes going into the log round muffler fitted sideways behind the rear bumper. I wanted it to look more like a racer, and the kit pipes were very small. So I added some aluminum tubing straight out the rear.



As noted I left off the front turn signal lights, and used some taillights from another 914 kit (that project will not need the stock taillights once I get to it).



Once assembled I used spare decals. The numbers were leftovers from a Studio 27 kit. The others are from various kits, some quite old but these all worked.



So after 27 years I finally finished the 914. It came out okay, maybe not contest quality but it looks good on the shelf.



# 2020 Event Calendar

*With all the disruption and uncertainty caused by the Corona virus crisis, all dates are of course tentative. Please check directly with the event hosts as events are being rescheduled or canceled daily. I will update as I am informed of changes, also I will share the notices on the GTR Facebook page.*

**Oct 18** Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

**Oct 25** US Grand Prix **CANCELLED**  
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

**Oct 31** Winnebago Area Model Classic  
Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh WI  
[WAMclassic@gmail.com](mailto:WAMclassic@gmail.com)

**Nov 1** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

**Postponed** May 17 **now Nov 1** NNL North Contest  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN  
[www.NNLNORTH.com](http://www.NNLNORTH.com)

**Postponed.** March 21 **now November 14** Sebring  
12 Hours IMSA  
Sebring Intl Raceway, Sebring FL

**Nov 14** **Canceled** Southern NNL Atlanta  
[acme-ipms.com](http://acme-ipms.com)

**Nov 7** **Cancelled** IPMS/Butch O'Hare Contest & Swap

**Nov 15** **Detroit NNL**  
The Macomb Community College informed The Detroit Area Auto Modelers show has been canceled..

**Dec 6** Tinley Park Holiday Toy Show  
Tingley Park HS, Tingley Park IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to GTR.

