



# GTR

## Newsletter

### January 2004

The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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Happy New Year 2004!

A new race season begins with Speedweeks at Daytona

## GTR Auto Modelers

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

2004 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

**Next Meeting: January 17, 2004**

**Fountains of Crystal Lake**

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# GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

## Real World

A new season begins. By the time you read this, the Dakar Rally will have been run and the racing world turns its attention to Daytona for Speedweeks 2004.



## Industry News

Some of the things we should see this month are the AMT Howmet Turbine Can-Am reissue and hopefully the Fujimi Porsche 917.

## Media

While at a recent holiday festival I saw a dealer who offers some great vintage racing photos, with many taken at Road America. Check out Prairie Street Art at [www.prairiestreetart.com](http://www.prairiestreetart.com).

The revised CART/Open Wheel Champ car series will be moving from Speed Channel to a combined CBS and SPIKE channel television schedule for 2004.

## Contests/Events

GTR will have a table in the vendor area for the upcoming Classic Plastic event in Rockford February 8. The Strictly 43<sup>rd</sup> Contest and Swap is set for March 27. The Hillside Super Sunday swap meets are moving from Hillside to Tinley Park in 2004.

For all the 2004 dates and details that I have so far, see the calendar page and also our website.

## Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, the IPMS/Bong Chapter in Milwaukee, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

# GTR Club News

## News

The January meeting will be on January 17 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. We will have to take care of some business, like this year's officers, establishing 2004 dues and discussing what events we will sponsor or participate in. And bring in your modeling or racing Christmas gifts for show and tell.

GTR's renewal as a local chapter of IPMS has been accepted. We are now covered by all the IPMS benefits, which is paid for by the national members. Everyone is encouraged to join or renew your national IPMS membership.

GTR will have a table in the vendor area for the upcoming Classic Plastic event in Rockford February 8. Members can bring in stuff they want to sell, or we will use it as a place to hang out during the show. Hope to see lots of members and modeling buddies there.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (February 2004) issue of the newsletter is January 30. I can use some new articles, reviews, whatever.

## December GTR Meeting

The December 2003 GTR meeting was held December 13. Again this year we joined up with our fellow club IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, at their meeting location at the Algonquin Township office in Cary, IL. Thanks to CARS for their hospitality, it was a nice meeting with a raffle, show and tell and also a build night session. And lots of holiday refreshments.



From the "If women ran the world file....."

# Revell's Honda Civic Hatchback Tuner

Subject: Honda Civic Hatchback Tuner

Manufacturer: Revell

Kit #: 85-2388 Scale: 1/25

*reviewed by Chuck Herrmann*

Revell has now released both the coupe and hatchback versions of the Civic with the Tuner version options. In the May 2003 newsletter I reviewed the coupe, here is the hatch kit with the differences from the coupe noted. Both kits are very similar in design to their excellent Accura kit.

This is a full detail kit, with all engine, chassis and suspension details included. The parts are molded in white, gray, black and clear, with two trees of chrome-plated parts. Parts are included to build either a stock or tuner version using the custom parts. The design of the kit is similar to both the earlier coupe and the Accura kit.

**Body:** The body is one basic piece, with a separate hood, separate custom aero side skirts and a choice of stock or custom front and rear bumpers. The roof features a sunroof. There are two rear wing options, the stock version and a four piece custom wing. The windshield wipers are molded into the body, one of the few weaknesses of the kit. There is a separate wiper for the rear hatch window. A sheet of plastic mesh is included along with a template to cut out the custom grills.

**Chassis:** The chassis/floor is one main piece with exhaust, drive train and suspension all separate pieces. The rear section of the exhaust, including the muffler, is chrome plated. The exhaust tip is a plated turned metal piece, again like the coupe and Accura kits.

**Wheels and Tires:** This is a key element of a cool street machine, and this kit includes stock wheels plus the same two custom sets as the coupe kit, all with bright chrome plating. Tires are the low profile type, with molded on Toyo sidewall markings also same as the coupe.

**Engine:** A fully detailed version of the transverse mounted four cylinder is included. Custom touches include chrome cylinder head, exhaust and intake manifold. This intake manifold varies from the coupe with a different air cleaner, like the one in the Accura.

**Interior:** The interior builds up off the on floor of the chassis. The back seat is molded in, and two stock bucket seats are included. Gauge faces are decal, behind a clear panel. Stereo speakers are decals.

The lights are clear plastic, including the taillights. This allows the builder to replicate the clear custom look, while a little clear red paint will produce the stock lights. This kit includes both stock and custom taillights. There are clear circular fog light lenses to be used with either front bumper. The window glass is one large piece that presses in from underneath.

There is a large sheet of decals in the box. There are sets of white and black graphics. Also there is a full hood decal to represent the carbon fiber hoods commonly seen on tuners. There are California and Oriental character license plates. Something added from the coupe kit is the mesh decal for the sunroof, also a carbon fiber fuel filler door decal.

In summary, like the earlier Honda this is a nice kit. The custom parts allow the builder to do a nice, contemporary tuner. The interior could have used some more custom options. The wheels and tires are nice. While I am not a Honda expert, so I have doubts about the accuracy of the stock version as provided, especially the tires and intake manifold. But undoubtedly almost all these will be built as street machines, so that is not a problem. Tuner fans can mix and match parts from both Civics and the Accura to come up with individualized versions.







# 2004 IPMS/GTR Calendar

January 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

February 7 IPMS/Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers  
Stewartsville Civic Center Stewartsville, MN  
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February 2-5 Nuremburg (Germany) Toy Fair

February 15-18 New York Toy Fair

February 29 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy  
Show, hosted by Past Time Hobbies  
with model contest hosted by LMMCC  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL  
George Pekarik 6630-969-184730-202-7140

March 5-6 IPMS/Roscoe Turner Show  
Sheridan Four Points Hotel, Indianapolis, IN  
Rick Wilkes [rwilkes698@aol.com](mailto:rwilkes698@aol.com)

March 21 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 27 Strictly 43<sup>rd</sup> Show  
Countryside, IL

March 28 TriState Collectors Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 28 IPMS/Quad Cities (IL)  
Details to be announced

April 3 IPMS/Plastic Surgeons  
Details to be announced

April 3 IPMS/Sioux Falls Scale Modelers  
Details to be announced

April 8 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Plastic  
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale  
Ken Rock Community Center Rockford, IL  
Dan Myers 815 239-2391

April 17-18 Tamiya/Con  
Aliso Viejo, CA

April 17 IPMS/Mad City Modelers  
Madison, WI  
Details to be announced

April 17 Milwaukee NNL 11  
Theme: Animal Kingdom  
Sub theme: 40 Years for Ford Mustang  
Waukesha, WI  
Details to be announced

April 18? Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
Details to be announced

April 25 NIMO 10  
Northern Illinois Modelers Open  
Hosted by IPMS C.A.R.S. in Miniature and IPMS  
Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College Crystal Lake, IL  
[www.geocities.com/nimoshow/](http://www.geocities.com/nimoshow/)

May 5-7 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
Hosted by IPMS/Great Plains  
KCI Expo Center Kansas City, MO  
Call Darren Roberts 913-782-1159  
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May 13-16 Shizuoka (Japan) Hobby Show

May 22 IPMS Region 4 Convention  
Hosted by IPMS/Fremont Kit Bashers and  
IPMS Toledo Plastic Modelers  
Owens Community College, Perrysville OH  
Mark McGovern [markathy@toast.net](mailto:markathy@toast.net)

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Civic Plaza Convention Center Phoenix, AZ  
Auto Theme: Best Racing Vehicle  
[www.ipms2004.org](http://www.ipms2004.org)

September 11 IPMS /Will-Cook The Show 10  
Details to be announced

September 19 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

September 11 Fort Crook  
Details to be announced

October 2-4 Toyko Hobby Show

October 9 I CON 4  
Hosted by IPMS/Des Moines Hawkeyes  
Northwest Comm Center, Des Moines, IA  
K. Long [klong41@aol.com](mailto:klong41@aol.com)

October 17 TriState Collectors Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 14-17  
International Model & Hobby Expo  
Rosemont, IL

October 23 IPMS/Glue Crew  
Park Inn & Conference Center Wausau, W

December 5 TriState Collectors Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing

## New Year, new stuff



Above, the new Williams BMW F26, with a radically different nose design.



Below: the new VW Race Touareg in action at the Dakar Rally



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1980 VW Iltis Dakar Rally

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