



# GTR

## Newsletter

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## 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

**GTR Club Display: April 17, 2004**

**Milwaukee NNL Waukesha WI**

**Quality Inn and Suites (formerly Holiday Inn)**

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# GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News



Revell AG (Germany) has announced the following new stuff:

- ◆ In 1/32, they will release a Porsche 935 in Jagemeister markings, kit 07238 and an Auto Union Type D F1 car from the late 1930s, kit 07239. I believe these are reissues of earlier molds. Published release date is April, I assume in Europe.
- ◆ Scheduled for August release is a 1/24 Ferrari F2003-GA, kit 07240. This is the 2003 Grand Prix champion car of Michael Schumacher, with markings for both versions.

Back in the USA, among the April new releases of interest to GTR members would be the Ford Focus SVT Tuner 2 n 1 (1/25, kit 2187) and the Cadillac Escalade (1/25 kit 2189) described as "a favorite of the hip-hop generation", a 2 n 1 kit with custom wheels and tires. I don't know how sales of these contemporary subjects have been but I commend Revell for trying to attract younger modelers.

## Media

Now that the Champ Car series (aka CART) is on, they have announced that all the races will be carried on the SPIKE network (formerly known as TNT). SPIKE calls itself a channel for men, some of their other programming includes WWF wrestling and Striparella, an animated stripper. So much for the stereotype of road racing fans being elitist or highbrow.

Speaking of highbrow, there is a new automotive art gallery in the Old Town neighborhood of Chicago. Legacy Motors Art Gallery calls itself the largest and only car-art-centric gallery. More information is available at [www.automotive-art.com](http://www.automotive-art.com).

## Events

The annual Strictly 43<sup>rd</sup> Expo was held March 27, at the same Countryside, IL location as the past few years. It was similar in size as the last few years, again about as much larger scale stuff as 1/43 and lots of diecast and prebuilts. Not to many manufacturers or brand new stuff. But it still is a good place to see the usually hard to find 1/43 kits.

Big local events this month are the Milwaukee NNL, April 17, same location but now named the Quality Inn and Suites in Waukesha, GTR will be there as noted elsewhere this issue. And the NIMO show returns after a year off, on April 25 at McHenry County College, hosted by IPMS CARS and IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers. GTR has sponsored a trophy, Tim and I will have tables in the vendor area if you want to stop by.

Two new events that we have received notice of are the Hoosier Model Car Association event in Indianapolis on May 1, and the Greater Minnesota NNL 6 in Minneapolis at the Mall of America on June 12. See details on these and other events on the calendar page and our website.

## IPMS News

The 2005 IPMS Regional 5 Convention will be April 28-29, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Davenport, Iowa. Congratulations to the host chapter, IPMS Quad Cities Scale Modelers.

This years Regional is May 5-7 in Kansas City.4Memorial Chapter of the Year. Congratulations again! (GTR was the 2002/2003 honoree).

## GTR Club News

From The Prez:

Aaaahhh! Spring has sprung! As I write this it's 62 degrees outside, the trees are blooming, and the grass is greening. Time for everybody to come out of hibernation and head to Mil-a -wau-ke (Thanks Alice Cooper) to the NNL! So get your models ready, your appetite ready, and head on up. I hope to see all of you there. We will be car pooling again, so if you want to sign up, contact Chuck or myself before the date.

As far as the diorama goes, I finished some of the clean up on it, and it looks like it will be usable enough for the club display. I'm calling it the GTR Dream Garage. I've got some tools and equipment in 1/24 or 1/25 scale also, and if you have some bits and pieces, please bring them with. We need some race cars for the garage area and some street cars for the parking area. If you can help out in any way, it would be appreciated.

New releases this month include Tamiya's Honda Pons 2003 race bike, Ferrari Enzo Rosso Corsa, some really nice rally car driver and navigator figure sets, and some 1/20 scale pit crew figure sets. The rally driver set could be used for various race cars, so they are a welcome new item. Revell released the new upgraded 1/8 32 Ford kit, with some really nice upgrades. This kit can be built three different ways and with all the parts the possibilities are endless! Along with that, Revell Germany released three predecorated Audi TT DTM race cars and these are perfect for slot car bodies. Cool! Along with that there is a new BMW Procar M1 release (the old Esci kit) but with some nice graphics. Hope you can find these, because not all the hobby stores are carrying them. Ertl released the old Beverly Hillbillies kit, along with a 66 Mercury kit and a 65 Buick Riviera. Not exactly my cup of tea, but someone out there wants them.

We'll keep on building, that's all for now, see you in Milwaukee!

Tim Leicht

## News

There will be no regular April meeting. Instead we will have a club display at the Milwaukee NNL, at the Quality Inn and Suites in Waukesha, WI. We will be there early, about 2:00 PM, to set up the diorama, the theme will be "GTR Historic Racing Auto Show". So we will need some 1/24 models to put in the "show" along with figures or other details. Bring in some built kits for the diorama, and more for the NNL display tables. The doors to the show open at 4:00

If you haven't paid your 2004 GTR dues of \$15 please do so in person or mail it to me (make checks payable to Chuck Herrmann, not GTR as we do not have an account).

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (May 2004) issue of the newsletter is April 30.

## 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 (now electronic), and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

## March GTR Meeting

The March 2004 GTR meeting was held March 20 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. Light attendance but entertaining as usual. I was away on vacation, Tim took the following notes:

We had a pretty good time last month, lots of discussion, lots of new kits, and great conversation time. Here's the list from the Show and Tell session:

- ◆ Ken Zinnen: Ken brought in a Fujimi Estima (Honda Odyssey here) kit with some custom body options. He said the body mods were a difficult fit and was having lots of problems with it. Along with that a Formula One tech analysis book from the 2002/2003 season. It had all the cars, well illustrated, with LOTS of engineering 3D pictures. This is a great book for detailing F1 cars.
- ◆ Ed Sexton: Ed brought in the three new 1/32 scale Audi DTM predecorated kits, perfect for slot cars. Along with that, a 1/8 scale 32 Ford Highboy kit with some nice new parts.
- ◆ John Schaefer: John had the old Esci BMW M1 kit, an old Otaki Mercedes 450 SLC kit, and a rare LS Mercedes C111 concept car kit. He also had some new decal sheets for NASCAR from his company JWTBM.
- ◆ Dave Edgecomb: Dave had one of the new Scale Designs Spirit of 76 Corvette LeMans kit, with some nice graphics, and a Fujimi Acura RSX race version kit, strangely missing a roll cage, or any other race bits in the box.
- ◆ Tim Leicht: Tim had one of the new Trumpeter 1960 Bonneville kits with the icky chrome tree, along with a Tamiya Honda Pons 2003 race bike kit, along with the 1/24 scale rally driver/copilot figure set and the 1/20 pit crew set.



# Revell AG 2003 1/24 Sauber F1



Subject: Sauber Petronas C22 2003  
Kit #: 07236 Scale: 1/24  
*Reviewed by Mike Klessig (AMG Newsletter)*



## Box Description:

The Sauber Petronas C22 is the third car to be built under the leadership of Technical Director Willy Rampf. Compared to its predecessor, everything in the C22, which is 600 kg lighter, is new; even the proportions are completely different. In addition to improved aerodynamics, the increase in component rigidity and a more compact structure, in parallel with a reduction in weight, were important development targets. The new Petronas 03A engine and the redesigned gearbox also made their contribution. In the 2003 season, the Sauber Petronas team will rely on the experienced Heinz-Harald Frentzen (7 points by the 11th race) and Nick Heidfeld (2 points), who has already done three years on the starting grid for Sauber.

## Model-details:

- True-to-original front and rear spoilers
- Detailed wheel suspension
- True-to-original underbody including diffuser
- Authentic tyres and rims
- Detailed steering wheel
- Authentic decals for the Sauber Petronas C22 and both drivers in the version

## Kit Review

After a 1-2 finish in the 1989 LeMans 24 hour race and winning the World Sportscar Championship in 1989 and again in 1990, with the Sauber-Mercedes, Swiss team owner Peter Sauber decided to redirect his efforts to the world of Formula One. After a few mediocre seasons using Illmor and Ford engines, the team formed a deal with Ferrari to supply engines for the 2000 season. In 201 they managed to finish fourth in the constructors championship points, a pretty significant feat for an independent team. The C22 was an all new design for the 2003 season. It was both lighter and more powerful than its predecessor. Several problems plagued the team during the season with a best result of third place at the US Grand Prix for Heinz Harold Frentzen and sixth place in the constructor's points.

This is a 1/24 scale curbside model of the car as it ran at the third race of the season in Brazil. I chose to build driver Nick Heidfeld's car, which unfortunately retired with a blown engine. Although it is a curbside kit, there is an engine and transaxle include. It is very basic with only a minimum of detail, which is not important since the engine cover is not removable. Don't bother thinking about making it a full detail model, as there is just too much missing from the engine bay. Besides, for some odd reason there is a gap about 3/16 inch between the engine and transaxle when mounted to the diffuser plate! The suspension arms appear to be a bit too thick but the moldings are clean and everything fits together very easily. I used Testors semi-gloss black acrylic paint to represent the carbon fiber parts, which make up a majority of the pieces.

I deviated slightly from the kit instructions by gluing all the body panels together so I could fill and sand the seams and paint the body as a complete unit. All the panels fit together very well. I used Tamiya TS-51 Telefonica Blue, which I think is a little too dark but it was the closest match I could find for the colors specified in the instructions. After sufficient drying time I proceeded to apply the decals. They are printed by Cartograf and they are spectacular! The registration is spot on, the colors bright and they cover well. They conform to the body nicely and respond to setting solutions when needed. The "Petronas Green"

is supplied on the decal sheet for the side pods but you will need to mix your own paint for the front wing plates and the little flip up wings just in front of the rear tires. The instructions give a mix of five different paints. I did my best by adding a drop of this and a drop of that and actually came pretty close to matching the decal, although now I have nearly half a jar of paint left over!



The rear wing endplates and second element for the front wing were painted Tamiya TS-26 Pure White and the bargeboards received a couple coats of Tamiya TS-16 Yellow. Painting the wheels made me think a bit, I wanted to paint the rim Alclad chrome but the spokes heeded to stay black. Then I found a set of photo etch brake discs in my parts box that were a perfect fit for the inside of the wheel. So I put some double sided tape on them, dropped them into the wheel to mask off the spokes and sprayed the chrome on very lightly. It worked great!



Final assembly went without a hitch, but by gluing the body parts together as I did, it was necessary to cut the upper front suspension piece in half so it could be inserted into the body. Mirrors, antennas and TV cameras were added to finish the model.



I started building Formula One kits just for something a little different than the GT and LeMans cars I normally build, and it has grown into an obsession. I wanted to stay in 1/24 scale because of all my other cars in that scale. Revell has been my savior in this endeavor as they are the only company currently producing F1 kits in this scale. (Late news: They will do a 2003 Ferrari later this year-see below) The Sauber Petronas C22 is their latest and best effort so far. I would recommend this kit to anyone with a passion for Formula One or just to try something a little different. Maybe you will be hooked like I have! Thanks, Revell, keep them coming.



Editors Note: These photos are of the real car at their press launch prior to the season. So some markings may differ from what they actually ran in the races that year or in the kit. They show additional details from the 2003 car.





# 2004 IPMS/GTR Calendar

April 17-18 Tamiya/Con  
Aliso Viejo, CA  
[www.tamiyausa.com](http://www.tamiyausa.com)

April 17 IPMS/Mad City Modelers (Madison, WI)  
Netherwood Knoll Elementary School  
Oregon, WI  
Jim Turek 608-329-7222  
[ijtmodel@yahoo.com](mailto:ijtmodel@yahoo.com)

April 17 Milwaukee NNL 11  
Theme: Animal Kingdom  
Sub theme: 40 Years for Ford Mustang  
Quality Inn, Waukesha, WI  
SASE to Scott Koch  
5501 W. Cairdel Mequon, WI 53092

April 18 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
County Exposition Center Waukesha, WI  
414-646-4114

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  
Steve Jahnke [stevejahnke@msn.com](mailto:stevejahnke@msn.com)  
[www.geocities.com/nimoshow/](http://www.geocities.com/nimoshow/)

May 1 Hoosier Model Car Assoc 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest  
St Rock Religious Education Center  
Indianapolis, IN  
Call Dave [indyhmca@hotmail.com](mailto:indyhmca@hotmail.com) 317-322-1852

May 5-7 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
Hosted by IPMS/Great Plains  
KCI Expo Center Kansas City, MO  
Call Darren Roberts 913-782-1159  
[Darren.rpberts@ipmsgreatplains.com](mailto:Darren.rpberts@ipmsgreatplains.com)

May 13-16 Shizuoka (Japan) Hobby Show

May 30 Indy 500

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)

June 12 GMO 6 NNL, theme Station Wagons.  
Mall of America Minneapolis, MN  
[www.moagrandhotel.com](http://www.moagrandhotel.com) 952-854-2244

June 12-13 24 Hours of LeMans

June 20 U.S Grand Prix  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, IN

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)

August 29 44<sup>th</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan  
Model Car Club  
Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL  
Show: 630 969-1847  
Contest: 630 268-0859

September 11 IPMS/Will-Cook The Show 10  
Millennium/James Hart Cafetorium  
Homewood, IL  
Ed Mate [obviouschoice@juno.com](mailto:obviouschoice@juno.com)

September 18 IPMS/Kalamazoo Air Show  
Kalamazoo, MI Clare Wentzel  
[cwentzel@yahoo.com](mailto:cwentzel@yahoo.com)

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

September 25 IPMS/Fort Crook (Nebraska)  
Mid America Center  
Council Bluffs, IA  
Mike Cavel 402-493-9669

October 2 IPMS Duneland  
Willowcreek Middle School  
Portage, IN  
John Fluck [jfluck@aol.com](mailto:jfluck@aol.com)

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  
(formerly Hillside)  
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park, IL  
[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, WI

November 13 IPMS/Butch O'hare  
Lakeview Jr HS Darien, IL

December 5 TriState Collectors Toy Show  
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