

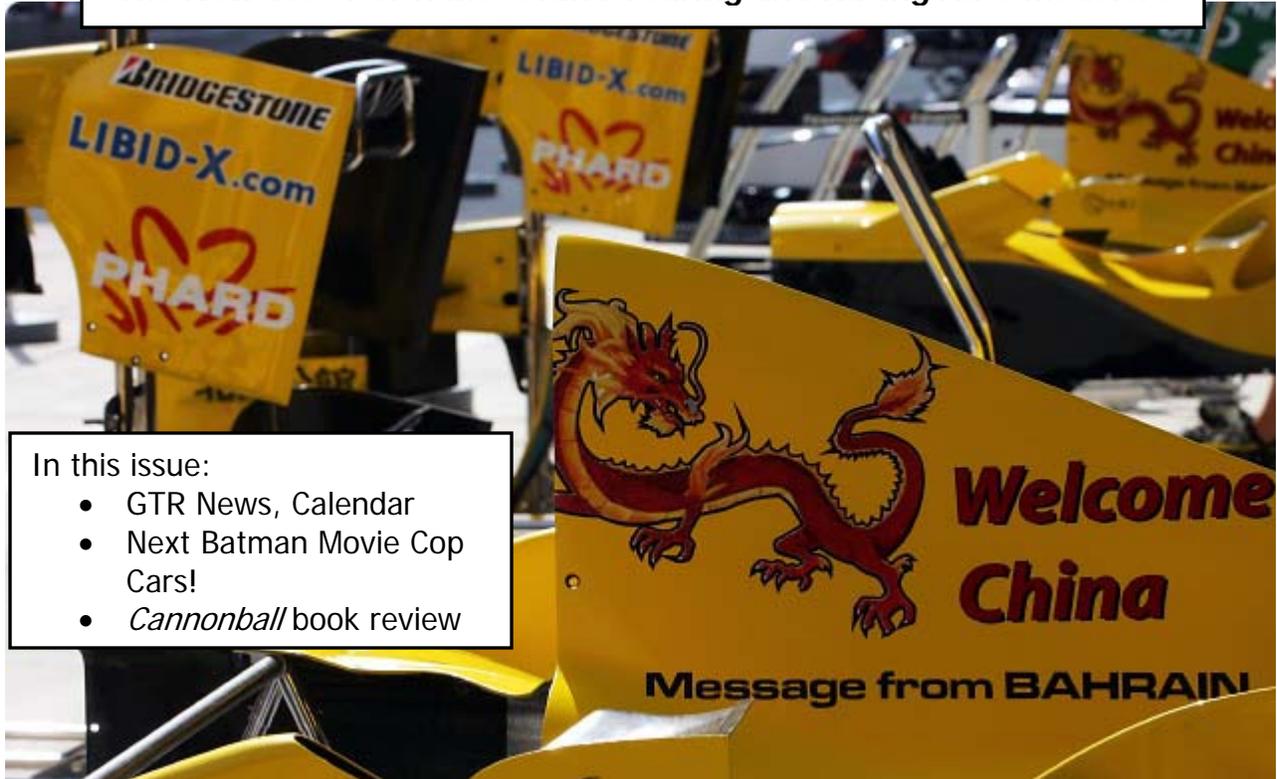


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Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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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

Next GTR Meeting: October 16, 2004

Road trip! We will join the LMMCC at their annual Open House meeting at Peace Church in Bensenville, IL

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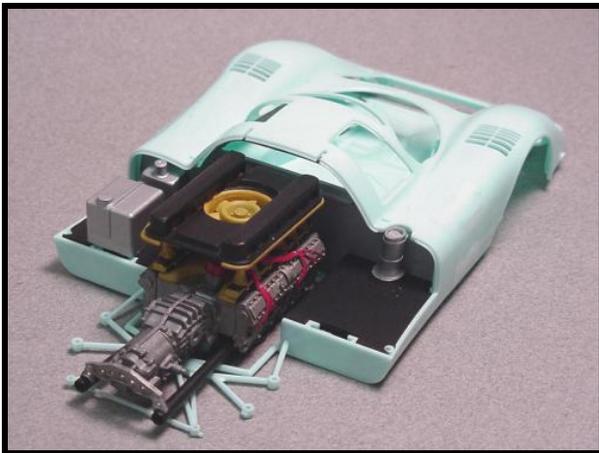
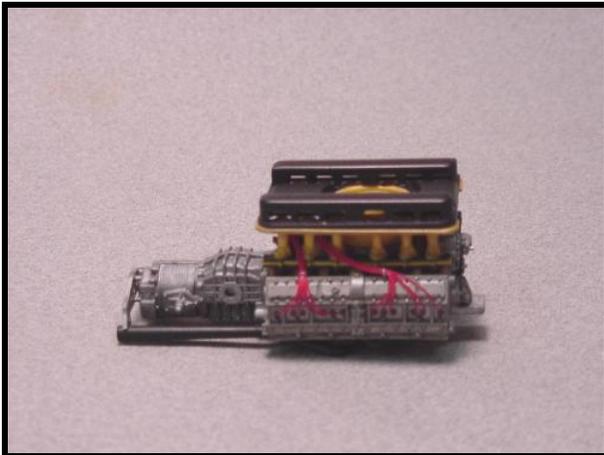
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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

A new aftermarket kit to complete the missing engine detail on the Fujimi Porsche 917 kits has just been released. From the pictures below the resin kit looks pretty nice, with lots of details. It is from Historic Racing Miniatures, available from most of the usual on-line sources specializing in these things.



Events

The IHobby Expo (formerly The International Model and Hobby Expo, aka RCHTA) takes place this month in Rosemant. The days for the public are Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17.

See details on this and other events on the calendar page and our website.

Real World

The FIA ETCC (European Touring Car Championship) will become the World Touring Car Championship next year, running races in 10 countries, in Europe, South America and China.

Chevrolet has announced that they will have a factory entry in the series. Actually, the car being used is the Daewoo Nubria (GM owns Daewoo) which is marketed as a Chevrolet in Europe.



Ford may also join the series with the Ford Focus.

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, IPMS/Bong Chapter, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club

GTR News

Message from the Pres

OK, I'm as guilty as all of us. I've missed a good share of meetings this past summer for various reasons, most of which were that I had lots of other stuff to do. It seems the older I get, the less time I have to do what I need to do. BUT, I can tell you, I'm building again, and almost have finished one of my prized kits, a Rosso 1/8 scale Ferrari 643 Formula One car. While the build went pretty

straight forward, there were plenty of disasters along the way. Getting rid of one of my businesses has been a blessing in disguise for me. I'm home on the weekends! Now that I got some of my honey-do stuff done, I'm actually finding time to sit at the workbench again. And as you know, it feels pretty good.

My point is, attendance at our meetings have been sparse as of late. I'd like to see more people show up, and while I can't force you to come, maybe you can let me or Chuck know if maybe a change of format or whatever else you don't like could be modified to get you more interested in coming to a meeting. I know we're going to the Lake Michigan Model Car Club meeting this month, but I look forward to seeing more of you in November. I might even have ANOTHER model done by then. Maybe you will too, and can bring with in November. Keep on building, and don't stick your fingers together!

Next month I'll have my annual Hobby Show report, and I can already tell you, there are some surprises coming. Stay tuned for further information. I can honestly tell you the demise of plastic modeling is, so far, nowhere in sight.

Tim Leicht



GTR Update

The October GTR meeting will be on the regular third Saturday (Oct 16) but it will be a road trip to participate in the annual Open House meeting of fellow modeling club Lake Michigan Model Car Club. LMMCC meets at the Peace Church in Bensonville, a map is included in the member's mailed newsletter. Some of us will be meeting first in Elmhurst, at Al's Hobbies and/or the Milano Model Museum (which is only open for the gift store, not the museum). After that we will get together at about 5:00 o'clock at the pizza place in Elmhurst just down the street from the Milano storefront for some food before heading over to the LMMCC meeting. Hope we can see a lot of members this month! It is always interesting seeing how other clubs do business and the work of different modelers.

In November (Nov 20) we will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. And in December we will change the date to the second Saturday (Dec 11) and join the CARS in Miniature club at their meeting in Cary.

We have received our chapter charter renewal form from IPMS/USA.

Annual club renewal remains at \$10. We need at least five active IPMS/USA members, including all the officers. Everyone please let me know your IPMS status, member number and expiration date. If you are not a member or have lapsed, I encourage you to join or renew, check out their website at www.ipmsusa.org for details.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (November 2004) issue of the newsletter is September 30. Submissions are always needed.

September GTR Meeting

The September meeting was 9/18/04 the Fountains of Crystal Lake. Attendance was light, we did the club treasury, business and mailbag then on to Show & Tell. Among the highlights:

Dave Edgecomb- a new kit, the Scale Designs Porsche 935 96/77 resin kit. It is almost a full detail kit, lots on engine detail is molded onto the chassis plate.

George Pritzen- an AMT 1966 Ford Fairlane kit, now finished (it was brought in process last month). Also, he had a new kit, the Testors 1/32 diecast kit of the 1934 Dusenber classic phaeton.

Chuck Herrmann- the completed build up of the Polar Lights Love Bug kit (as featured in last month's newsletter) in rat rod style, also a finished 1/32 Revell DTM Mercedes kit. And a Gunze Sangyo Ferrari 365 GT4 BB kit in process.

New Batman Movie Cop Cars

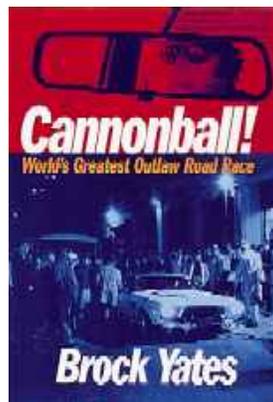
Scenes for the next Batman movie were shot in downtown Chicago earlier this summer. A local modeler happened to run across the shoot and was able to get a few pictures of the Gotham City Police Department (GPD) squad cars that will be seen in the movie before he was asked to move on. I don't know what the newest Batmobile will look like, but there is nothing too exotic about these Ford Crown Victorias



Book Review:

Cannonball!: The World's Greatest Outlaw Road Race

By Brock Yates



Softball: 256 Pages List Price: \$14.95
25 Color and 50 b/w photos

Description: This first book of its kind tells the behind-the-scenes story of the incredibly illegal Cannonball rally. This best seller is now available in paperback!

In the early 1970s, Brock Yates, senior editor of Car and Driver Magazine, created the now infamous Cannonball Sea-to-Shining-Sea Memorial Trophy Dash; a flat out, no-holds-barred race from New York City to Redondo Beach, California.

Setting out to prove that well trained drivers could safely navigate the American highways at speeds in excess of the posted limits, Mr. Yates created a spectacle reminiscent of the glory days of the barnstorming pilots.

Filled with fascinating unpublished stories, nostalgic and modern-day photographs, inside information and hilarious stories from this outrageous and incredibly immoral rally. Brock is one of the best-known, most respected automotive journalists in the world today.

REVIEW by Chuck Herrmann

The Cannonball Rally was a race across regular roads from New York to California for street legal vehicles. From the first race in 1971 (won by no less than Dan Gurney and Yates himself in a Ferrari Daytona) to the last in 1979, included in the book are each races results and an appendix of every driver who participated. Obviously part of the allure was the illegal nature of the event along with the various strategies used by the

competitors. Yates provides lots of descriptions of the event, cars and drivers, along with narratives by many of the competitors to allow the reader to get a feel for the flavor of the event. Also there are lots of photos of the vehicles, everything from various Ferraris and Porsches to muscle cars like Dodge Challengers, Camaros, and Mustangs to souped up pick up trucks vans and even ambulances. Yates also writes about the public reaction to the races, and the notoriety of the events, including his involvement in the several movies that were based on the races.

While not "serious" racing, the Cannonball did achieve legendary status among automotive enthusiast, and this book is the definitive history of the Cannonball. It is an interesting and engrossing read.

IPMS/GTR Calendar

2004

October 17 TriState Collectors Toy Show
(formerly Hillside)
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 14-17
iHobby Expo (formerly RCHTA)
Rosemont, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 23 IPMS/Glue Crew
Park Inn & Conference Center
Wausau, WI jdrew@dwave.net

November 13 22nd Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr HS Darien, IL
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December 5 TriState Collectors Toy Show
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

2005

February 5 IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Stewartville Civic Center
Stewartville, MN
Ed St. Denis edstdenis@msn.com

March 5 IPMS/Great Plains
Frank Ciccarella FCiccarella@aol.com

April 2 IPMS/Plastic Surgeons
Valley Free Church
Des Moines, IA

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April 16 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim Turek jitmodel@yahoo.com

September 10 Nordic Con
IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

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2005 Region V Convention

April 29-30, 2005

Quad Cities, IL

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2005 National Convention

July 20-23, 2005

Atlanta, GA

2006 National Convention

Kansas City, MO

www.ipmsusa.org



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