



GTR Newsletter

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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2005 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: May 21, 2005

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176 in Crystal Lake

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

From the internet, we hear that Fujimi, not Tamiya, will be doing a kit of the new Maserati MC12 sports car racer. Also, Fujimi is supposed to be doing 1/24 kits of the Ferrari 550 and 575M kits, hopefully the race car versions.

Real World

Penske to Race Porsche Prototype from www.speedtv.com

Penske Motorsports has not competed in sports car racing since its association with Porsche in the last days of the original SCCA Can-Am, but the IndyCar and NASCAR superpower is set to return to sports car racing later this year. Once again, it is doing so in association with Porsche.

Penske Motorsports – a subsidiary of Penske Racing–will field a brand-new, factory-built Porsche prototype for the LMP2 class in the American Le Mans Series, beginning with Petit Le Mans this October. It will be the first Porsche-built prototype race car since the Porsche 911 GT1 of 1998. Penske will field the car exclusively in 2006, although Porsche plans to offer the car to additional customers beginning in 2007.

Penske Motorsports has a rich racing history with Porsche, highlighted by winning Can-Am championships in the 1972 and 1973 SCCA Can-Am series campaigning the legendary Porsche 917/10 and 917/30s. It is anticipated Penske Motorsports will debut the new Porsche prototype at the final two races of the 2005 ALMS season, the Oct. 1 Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta and the Oct. 16 season finale at Laguna Seca, in preparation for its full 2006 campaign.

There were no immediate announcements of drivers for the Penske-Porsche project.

(wonder if the cars will be blue with Sunoco sponsorship?....ed)

Toyota to Busch Series!

from www.speedtv.com

NASCAR has confirmed that Toyota intends to compete in the Busch Series in 2006 and is an active participant in discussions about the next generation of Nextel Cup cars and engines, which are slated to debut in 2007, or perhaps 2008.

Events

The **National 1/43 Scale Collectors Show**, held 4/9/05 in Countryside, IL, formerly the Strictly 43rd Show, is now run by Unique Events, who also hosts the Tinley Park (formerly Hillside) and Serb Hall, Milwaukee swap meets. I was able to make the show, however to me it was not as good as the past

several years. It was mostly prebuilt 1/43, not much of the other scale die casts, kits and aftermarket stuff that has been there recently. Besides the fact this show was not announced until about a month beforehand, another reason may have been the event at Continental Motorsports, a Ferrari and Maserati dealer in Hinsdale. This show featured lots of Ferrari and Italian automotive collectibles and memorabilia. And there were several model car vendors, including Scale Designs resin kits and decals. Also lady race driver Janet Guthrie was there, doing a book signing for her new book. Rumor has it that this show is to add a model contest for 1/43, 1/24 and large scale models next year. And of course there lots of real Ferraris and Maseratis to drool over.

The **IPMS Region 5 Convention** was held April 29-30, hosted by IPMS/Quad Cities. Some numbers: 103 entrants, 444 model entries, 470 models on display. All 86 vendor tables were filled. There are more picture and results at www.qcsms.org.





GTR News

Presidential Message

Hello everyone. Sorry I missed you all the last few months. I hope the NNL was as great an event as it always is. I wasn't able to attend this year, and have always enjoyed myself there, looking at all the models, then going home all pumped up to build my next masterpiece (yeah, right).

So, my 1/12 Ferrari F1 is coming along nicely, the first installment of the build article is in this issue. Usually, just when I think I'm going to get a day in at the workbench, something else comes up. So needless to say I am way behind on finishing it. However I'm quite pleased on how it's looking. So what have you all been working on? Whatever it is, bring it to the next meeting and let everybody see it! I'm always interested in what other people are working on, and a lot of times, I even learn something that I can use to make my model building better. I hope to all of you at the next meeting, and don't forget, next month is the big barbeque at Chuck Herrmann's new house! We might even drink beer! I know I'm looking forward to that one, especially because it's summertime!

GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter

Well spring has sprung here in Chicago for a few days, then it was back to winter for a while, and as I'm writing this it is warming up again this week, hopefully for a much longer time. It's only May you know. That also means most of us will be outside doing things over summer. Don't forget some therapy time at the workbench, and enjoy the outdoor season. See you at the meeting. Tim

GTR Update

The May meeting will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on the regular date, Saturday May 21. June will be a meeting and barbeque at my house in Cary. We need to set up the details for the rest of the summer meetings, your ideas are welcome. If you haven't paid 2005 dues yet, please take care of that.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (June, 2005) issue of the newsletter is June 1. Submissions always needed.

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, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

GTR Classifieds

Wanted: Halibrand quick change differential center section from the AMT Fiat Double Dragster. Need rear end parts but will buy/trade for a whole kit if necessary.

Travis Russ hailmars2@sbcbglobal.net

Wanted: Hood for Monogram/Revell 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo kit. Also, a 1/32 scale surfboard. And color pictures from the 1965 Sebring, Ferrari330P #30, Graham Hill/Pedro Rodriguez.

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April GTR Meeting

Instead of a regular meeting, last month GTR attended the 13th Annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by the AMG club in Waukesha, WI. It was in the usual location, now a Quality Inn. Here are some photos from the show.

The Theme was "Back to the Beach", so there were lots of beach and inspired models on the tables, also they were playing surf music all night.

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The Peoples Choice Award winner, built by Mike Scott



The Alan Kulwucki Award for best stock car model, was won by Greg Schmidt



The Best Theme award, was won by Mike Dowd





Building Revell AG's 1/12 Grand Prix Ferrari: Part One

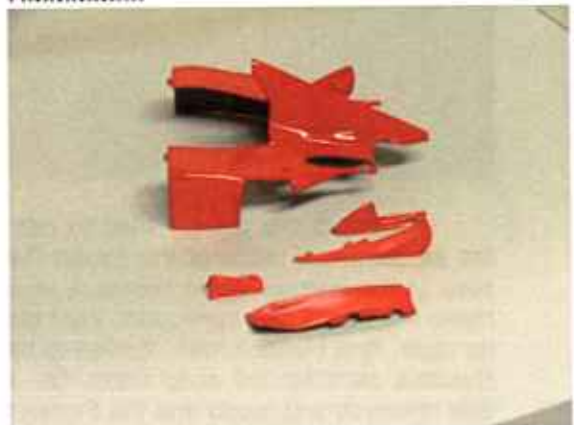
Subject: Ferrari F1 F2002
Manufacturer: Revell AG
Scale: 1/12 Kit #:7493
by Tim Leicht



Way back in November last year, I wrote a kit review about this kit and said I was going to build it. Well, I finally got started on it in February, and I am about half way into the project. When this kit came out, I raved about it's Tamiya like quality and detail. I haven't changed my mind about that, but there were some issues during building it that I didn't expect. Anyway, here goes.



I was quite impressed upon opening the box for this kit. The prepainted body on display in the window packaging was quite impressive. So, I set out to build the kit. Upon separating the kit parts into subassemblies, the first of many paint issues became apparent. The lower part of the tub was painted also, but there were huge mold seam marks on the outer corners. Then I started looking at the body parts and compared them to the instructions. There are over 13 separate pieces to the forward body alone, and the problem is that most of the joining seams are exposed on the finished model. Because of that it has more of a toylike look than a realistic replica. Well, that wasn't good enough for me. I then decided to assemble all the parts for the front half of the body, and then fill the seams where they all fit together. Take a good look at the pictures and you will see what I'm talking about. When they were glued together, the body had no "flow" to it, especially by the air intakes for the radiators, and the side slabs of the back half of the body. The air vents on the back portion of the body are separate as well, along with the side wings, just too many seams for me. Just for reference, look at the box art car. I don't think it's the built kit on the box. There are no seams on it! HMMMM!!!!





So, two layers of polyester putty were applied, sanded between coats, and then a finish coat of Gunze Mr. Filler liquid putty for the final coat. If you haven't used the Gunze putty, you should try it. It goes on with a paint brush, is lacquer based and has minimal shrinkage. It wet sands beautifully, to a smooth finish. I highly recommend it, and it was the first time I tried it. I think you can see the obvious improvement in the "look" of the body even before painting. It really cleaned up the body lines. One word of caution, however. You MUST assemble the cockpit and insert it into the forward body and tub BEFORE you glue the top and bottom tub together. There is no way to put it in if you glue the top and bottom together first. I painted the interior and masked it off aircraft building style, before priming and painting the body parts.



Now to the paint. I tried to carry over the kit paint mix ratios of the Revell Germany paint in the instructions to Humbrol, since they make the Revell Germany paint. I got close but no cigar. And I wasn't really thrilled to be using Humbrol paint for the body finish. So, I did a little research and found that the Ferrari factory color "Rosso Corse" was a spot on match to the

race team red. I purchased some lacquer paint from Leon Teft's Cobra Colors along with some GREAT primer/surfacer, and proceeded to prime, wet sand, and paint the body. I did NOT paint all the wing bits that were still on the sprues and Voila! The paint is a pretty close match to the Revell Germany paint mix! Now you can REALLY see the improvement in the look of the body. I did have a little shrinkage in the putty that I noticed AFTER painting, but not enough for me to want to do the job over.



Just another plug for Leon's Cobra Color paints. This stuff is GREAT! It flows out well, covers perfectly, and was a joy to paint with. All his colors are two part basecoat clearcoat and all are prethinned to apply right out of the bottle. He has all the factory colors for the most popular Italian, German, and Japanese high line cars. If you are into lacquer painting, try his paint. You will love it.

So, that's it for the bodywork. Next time, I'll cover the decals, carbon fiber the tub, and the build up. By the way, the kit includes carbon fiber decals for all the suspension pieces and the wings. I applied one of the suspension decals and it looks great! I'm really looking forward to phase two of my project. Stay tuned!



GTR Event Calendar

2005

May 25 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 11 7th Greater Minnesota Open NNL
Comfort Inn Airport
Bloomington, MN
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June 12 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 18-19 24 Hours of LeMans

July 14-17 Brian Redman International Challenge
Historic Races
Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

July 20-23 2005 IPMS/USA National Convention
Cobb Galleria Convention Center
Atlanta, GA www.ipmsusa.org

August 7 NASCAR Allstate 400 at the Brickyard
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

August 14 1st Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office
Cary, IL Details to come

August 21 Road America 500 ALMS
Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin

September 10 Nordic Con IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

Sept 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

September 25 46th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With modelcar contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Swap: 630-969-1847
Contest: 630-268-0859

October 1 The Show XI by IPMS/Will-Cook
James Hart/Millennium Cafetorium
Homewood, IL obviouschoice@juno.com
Ed Mate 915-478-4432

October 2 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
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October 20-23
iHobby Expo Los Angeles, CA

October 29 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau, WI Joseph Drew j.drew@dwave.net

November 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
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November 12 23rd Annual Butch O'Hare Show
Details to be announced

December 4 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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