



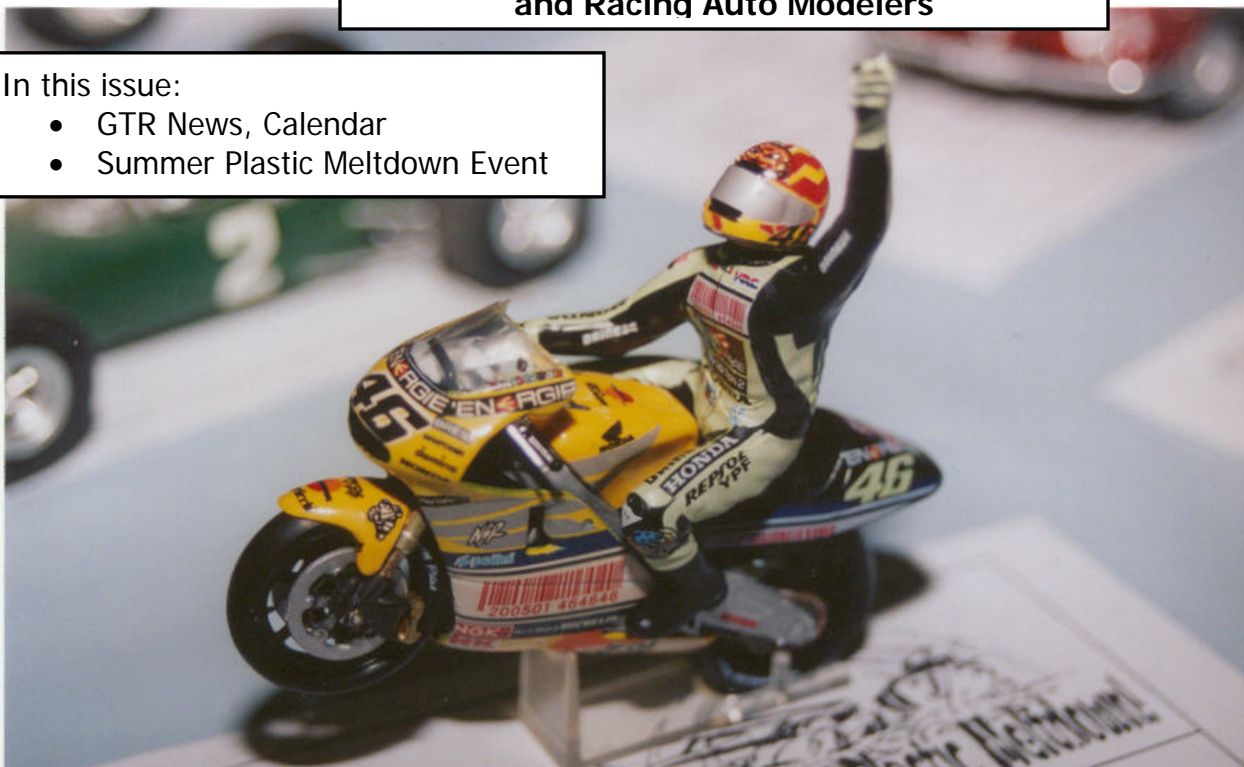
GTR Newsletter

September 2005

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

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

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

Next GTR Meeting: September 17, 2005

The Fountains of Crystal Lake

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

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News



Revell is scheduled to release a 1/25 Hummer H2 in the California Wheels series in September, as well as a 2006 Mustang GT.



Fujimi has released a 1/24 multimedia kit of the DeTomaso Pantera. Cost is about \$220 US! All the quality you expect from Fujimi's plastic kits is present in spades, in this gorgeous multi-media kit featuring the De Tomaso Pantera GTS. A crisply-molded body and chassis are complemented by white metal detail parts, turned aluminum wheels, rubber tires, and a special fret of "upgrade" parts produced by Model Factory Hiro and including wipers, emblems, grilles, mirrors, and more. A sheet of decals is included as well, for a perfect finish. Definitely a kit for more advanced modellers, but the final result will be more than worth it.



Media

SPEED Channel will air H.B. "Toby" Halicki's original drive-in blockbuster "Gone in 60 Seconds" on Sept. 17 at 8 p.m. ET. Included in the SPEED Channel telecasts is the original documentary Shoestring Showman – The Life and High Times of H.B. "Toby" Halicki, an in-depth portrait of the man, his life, his work, his films and his ultimate legacy as told by his wife, his friends and his collaborators.

Killed in a violent accident while filming the sequel to the 1974 classic, Halicki's work became the standard for car-chase sequences for decades to come.



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.

Events:

Rockford Wheels in Scale has announced that their 7th Annual Classic Plastic contest and swap will be January 29, 2006 in Rockford, IL.

See the Events calendar for all the events I know of.

Show Report: First Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown



For ten years, the Northern Illinois Modelers Open (NIMO) had been a fixture on the Chicago area modeling calendar. However, rising costs, the large amount of work involved in running a full blown contest and swap, led to most of the NIMO committee being burned out. So this year, a scaled down event, the Summer Plastic Meltdown, took its place. Hosted by IPMS CARS in Miniature, the Meltdown was an NNL style show and vendor trunk sale, held August 14 at the Algonquin Township Office in Cary, IL. GTR member and CARS president Steve Jahnke, aka Captain NIMO, led the organization of the event and gives us this report.

Summer Plastic Meltdown: Son of NIMO by Steve Jahnke

CARS decided to proceed with plans for the first annual Summer plastic meltdown show using our own club space provide to us by our local township office. While the space is large enough for the NNL display, it was not big enough to include vendors in the building. Since the Meltdown is a summer show, the solution to this problem became obvious: we would have a "Trunk Sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot. A trunk sale is just what the name implies: vendors sell out of the trunk of their vehicle. To entice vendors and their trunks to the show we offered them vendor space for free. On show day we had a total of 12 vendors, and there were plenty of good deals for the attendees and plenty of action for the vendors.

Show admission was \$5.00 which included admission to the show, free unlimited model entry and all you can eat pizza...beat that with a stick if you can.



Show Registration



Display area starting to fill



Vendors in the outdoor Trunk Sale



**1967 Petty Plymouth NASCAR
voted Best of Show Automotive**





Award Sponsors: IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers, Lake Michigan Model Car Club, and Starship Modeler Webzine



Best Aircraft: Lockheed PV-1 Ventura

Godzilla: Best Sci Fi Subject



Best Military Subject



Here are a few statistics from the show.
 Models on the display tables: 101
 Models on CARS club table: 150
 Pizzas served: 10
 Vendors: 12
 Trophy Winners (as voted by the participants:
 Best Automotive Don Molitor, 1967 Petty
 NASCAR Plymouth
 Best Aircraft: Terry Meisle Lockheed PV-1
 Best Military: Don Norton "Into the Berach"
 Best Ship: Matt Wieczorek USS Olympia
 Best Sci Fi: Matt Wieczork Godzilla



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GTR Update

GTR's Summer Road Tour is over. In September we will be back top the usual meeting location at the Fountains of Crystal Lake.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (October, 2005) issue of the newsletter is September 26. Submissions are **desperately** needed.

August GTR Meeting

The August GTR meeting was 8/20/05 at Ed Sexton's house in Northbrook. Thanks for hosting us and for the refreshments, Ed.

During the business section, we heard the treasury report and mailbag. We agreed to hold the September meeting back at the regular location, The Fountains of Crystal Lake.

Then it was on to show and tell. Among the highlights:



Ed Sexton: Tamiya Opel DTM, IMC Ford GT in progress, and a Bandai 1/34 Batmobile Begins kit.

Chuck Herrmann: eleven 1/43 models, a Revell 1/32 Citroen Xsara WRC racer, and a 1969 Camaro "rat rod" in progress

John Schaefer: two NASCAR Monte Carlos in progress, 2005 and 2004 Jeff Gordon cars.

Dave Edgecomb: Fujimi Ford GT40 1969 LeMans in progress with lots of aftermarket goodies, a CMA Ford GT Mk1 resin kit, the new Ferrari 575 kit by Fujimi, and a diecast 1/24 Nissan GTZ from the Japan GT series.



And after the show Ed showed us his impressive model collection.



GTR Classifieds:

Want to trade a Tamiya Ferrari 360 Spider for a Ferrari 360 Modena. Contact: Les Whitfield - ltwhitfield@hotmail.com



GTR Event Calendar

2005

September 10 Nordic Con IPMS/Twin Cities
So St Paul Municipal Airport, Minneapolis, MN
Steve Macey rcaf_413@yahoo.com

September 17-18 Vintage Racing Weekend
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

Sept 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Also Plastic Model Car Contest
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 model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Swap: 630-969-1847
Contest: 630-268-0859

October 1 Plastic Model Contest
HobbyTown USA
807 Oregon St, Oshkosh, WI 54902

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
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
(formerly Hillside) www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 20-23 iHobby Expo
Los Angeles Convention Center LA, CA
www.ihobbyexpo.com

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

November 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
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November 12 23rd Annual Butch O'Hare Show
Lakeview Jr HS
Darrien, IL
John wendt jwendt001@aol.com
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December 4 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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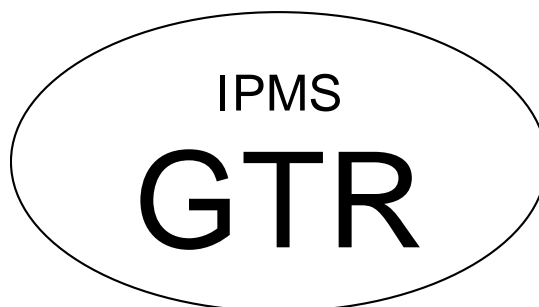
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National Conventions:

August 2-5, 2006 Kansas City, MO

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA



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The next NASCAR Ford, a 2006 Fusion, in testing colors.

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