



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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Revell's Corvette C6-R,
built by Gary Dodson

GTR Auto Modelers

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

2007 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: February 17, 2007

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

The Nuremburg Toy Fair was Feb 1-6. Tamiya made some kit announcements. They will release a 1/24 kit of the TOMs Lexus SC430 (below) from the Japan Super GT series, kit 24293. A detail set will also be released. Also, the 1/12 Ferrari 312T and 312T4 will be reissued, with P/E parts. The 1/20 Lotus 99T Honda will be reissued. Two 1/12 versions of the 2006 RC211V Honda racing motorcycle are coming out along with a detail fork set.



Revell Europe has announced a kit in 1/24 of the Audi R10 TDI, the 2006 LeMans winner, kit #07248, it is on their website.



Also an Audi R8 street car in 1/24.



There are reports that AMT is for sale. Parent corporation RC2 feels it is not profitable, stayed tuned for further news.

Events

The Ferrari Expo on March 17 at Continental Motorsports in Hinsdale will again host a model car show this year. Last year was the first year, this year the event should be bigger. As part of their annual Ferrari and Italian sports car enthusiasts' event, the models in the contest are limited to sports and formula racing cars, also exotic sports cars and imports, since this is the interest of the event promoters. This year racing (FIA style) motorcycles will also be included, as well as a photo contest (8x10) of these subjects. GTR will have a table, we have been asked to provide some volunteers to help out with supporting the show, let me know if you are interested. Besides the model show, there is a swap meet of models along with road racing and Italian sports car memorabilia. And it is held in a Ferrari and Maserati dealership, so the real cars in the showroom and outside are great, too.

The 8th Classic Plastic event hosted by Rockford wheels in Scale and originally scheduled for Sunday, January 28, has been rescheduled to March 18. There was a scheduling issue with the site, and they were forced to reschedule. It will be at the same location, the Ken Rock Community Center in Rockford, on Sunday, March 18. The contest theme is Famous Automobiles, movie, TV or famous person's automobiles.

So that weekend looks to be a busy one for GTR guys as we will have a presence at both shows our regular meeting for March is on the 17th as well.

There will be a 3rd annual Plastic Summer Meltdown event. Hosted by CARS in Miniature, whose members voted to approve the show, the final date and details are still being worked on.

The IPMS USA National Convention moves across the country to a new site each year. The 2009 Convention was due to be held in the central part of the country, but since there were no official bids received by the January 1 deadline any chapter in any region can now bid on it. I thought that there was some interest from a Minneapolis chapter, but now we will wait until this year's convention in Anaheim in August to find out where it will be.

There are lots of announcements on contests and events for 2007 coming in now. See the events calendar for details and for all the events I know of. Check out the website for more, they did not all fit on the page this month!

GTR News

GTR Update

The February meeting will be held on the third Saturday, February 17, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. This will be the Build a Bike project night, bring in your chopper or racing motorcycles or any motorcycles models, completed or in progress. Our March meeting will be at the Fountains. In April there will be no regular meeting as the Milwaukee NNL falls on the same date. So once again we will go north and have a GTR table on display at the show.

The dues for 2007 will remain at \$15, please pay me at the meeting or send a check (made out to me, not GTR as we have no account). Also, I urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org, or see me for membership forms.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line. Our website is rather basic, as are my webmaster skills, but if you go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, click on Library, Browse Topics G-O, find GTR and our newsletters are archived back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.



Build a Bike GTR Club Project

Our current club project is 1/12 scale motorcycles, either the new Revell chopper bikes which are on the store shelves now, or a Tamiya motorcycle if you cannot bear to do a chopper. Kitbashing or modifying the kits is encouraged so we can see how many variations or themes our members can come up with. So start building a bike in time to show it at the February meeting. Previous club projects have led to slim participation; hopefully we can get more kits built this time around. Check out *Model Cars* magazine, #117, for a review, customizing tips

and a build up article on the Revell 1/12 chopper kits we are doing for our club Build a Bike project.



Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Back Porch Modelers Group and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

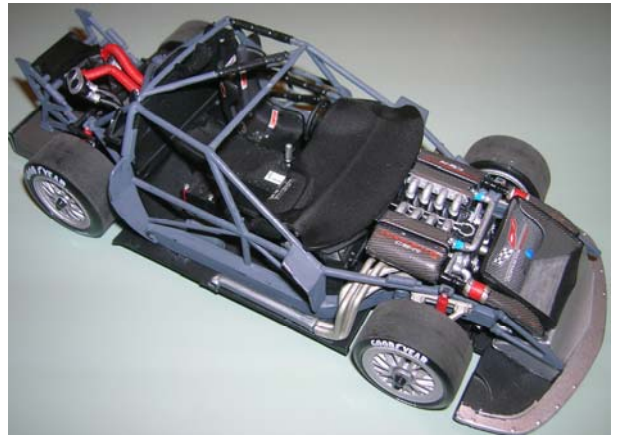
January GTR Meeting

The January meeting was held on the usual third Saturday, January 20, back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. During the business portion, we affixed our 2007 IPMS renewal sticker to our club charter, talked about some upcoming events and it was on to Show and Tell.

Here are pictures of some of the stuff on display.

Gary Dodson: built up Revell C6-R in LeMans markings, Tamiya 1/8 Triumph motorcycle being refurbished.





George Pritzen: new AMT Camaro kit, ceramic gas station, Revell C5-R built up.

Dave Edgecomb: Ferrari 512 1/32 slot car by Fly, it came as a kit.



John Schaefer: two NASCAR projects, a Monte Carlo and a Taurus to Fusion conversion , also the new Testors Dodge Charger kit. It looks pretty nice.





Chuck Herrmann: 1/43 Burago Schlessler Dakar buggy, diecast Jada VW Old School custom VW bus, Maisto VW New Beetle convertible diecast, AMT 1966 Trans Am Mustang.



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IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

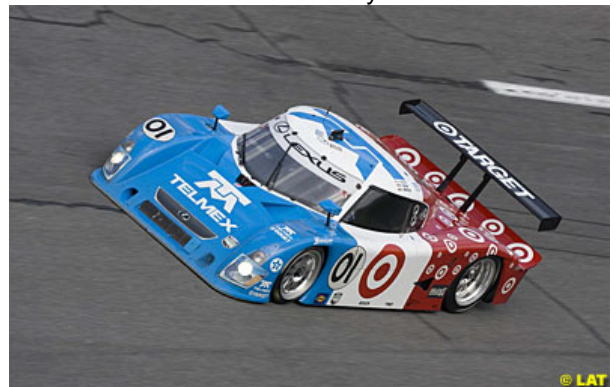
2009 – TBA

2007 Region 5 Convention:

June 8-9, Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM



Scott Pruett, Juan Pablo Montoya and Salvador Duran won the Rolex 24 at Daytona last month.



I still don't care for the Grand Am cars style, but it was an interesting race.

Mercedes Museum Stuttgart, Germany



One of the GTR newsletter readers, Ulli Wacskowski from Brampton, Ontario Canada, visited the Mercedes Benz Museum in Stuttgart last year and has sent us these photos. It looks like an impressive display of some classic automobiles. The photo below is not of models but of the real things! (Looks a little like a Tamiya kit display)



2007 GTR Event Calendar

February 9-18 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago IL

February 17 GTR Meeting, Crystal Lake, IL

February 18 Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway, FL

February 25 49th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
Contest??
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Call Past Time hobbies 630-969-1847

March 4 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 10 14th Annual Model Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis, IN
www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

March 11 Cedarville Model Car Swap and
Contest
430 W. Washington, Cedarville IL

March 17 Mobil 12 Hours of Sebring
IMSA America LeMans Series

March 17 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL

March 17 PMS/Fort Crook LOCON 2007
Mid America Center, Council Bluffs IA
Jay Chaldek JMChaldek@aol.com

March 18 8th Annual Classic Plastic
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken rock Community Center, Rockford IL
dfmyers@aeroincc.net

March 25 Collectors Classic w/1/43 Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 31 IPMS/Quad Cities
Clarion Hotel, Davenport, IA
Glen Broman 309-523-3671

April 14 14th Annual Model Contest
Hosted by IPMS/Plastic Surgeons
West des Moines, IA
www.ipmsplastic/surgeions.com
Glen Metge gmgha@mchsi.com

April 21 Milwaukee NNL 15
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI
Theme: Flames

April 21 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radison Inn, Madison WI
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April 22 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Cty Expo Cntr, Waukesha WI
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May 5 IPMS/Duneland
Willowbrook middle School, Portage IN
Bryan Warchus 219-762-9600

May 3-6 Great Salt Lake ChampionshipGSL-XXI
Salt Lake City, UT
Www.gslchampionship.org

May 27 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 8-9 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS SPASM
Knights of Columbus Hall Ottawa, IL
Steve Stohr 815-434-7297
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June 17 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 17-18 LeMans 24 Hours
LeMans, France

July 19-22 Redman Challenge Vintage
Road Amrica, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

August 11 Road America ALMS
August 12 Road America Champ Car
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 22-25 IPMS/USA National Convention
Virginia Beach, VA
www.ipmsusa2007.org

September 15 IPMS/Gateway
First Baptist Church, St. Louis MO
Chris Merseal 314-832-4840

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