

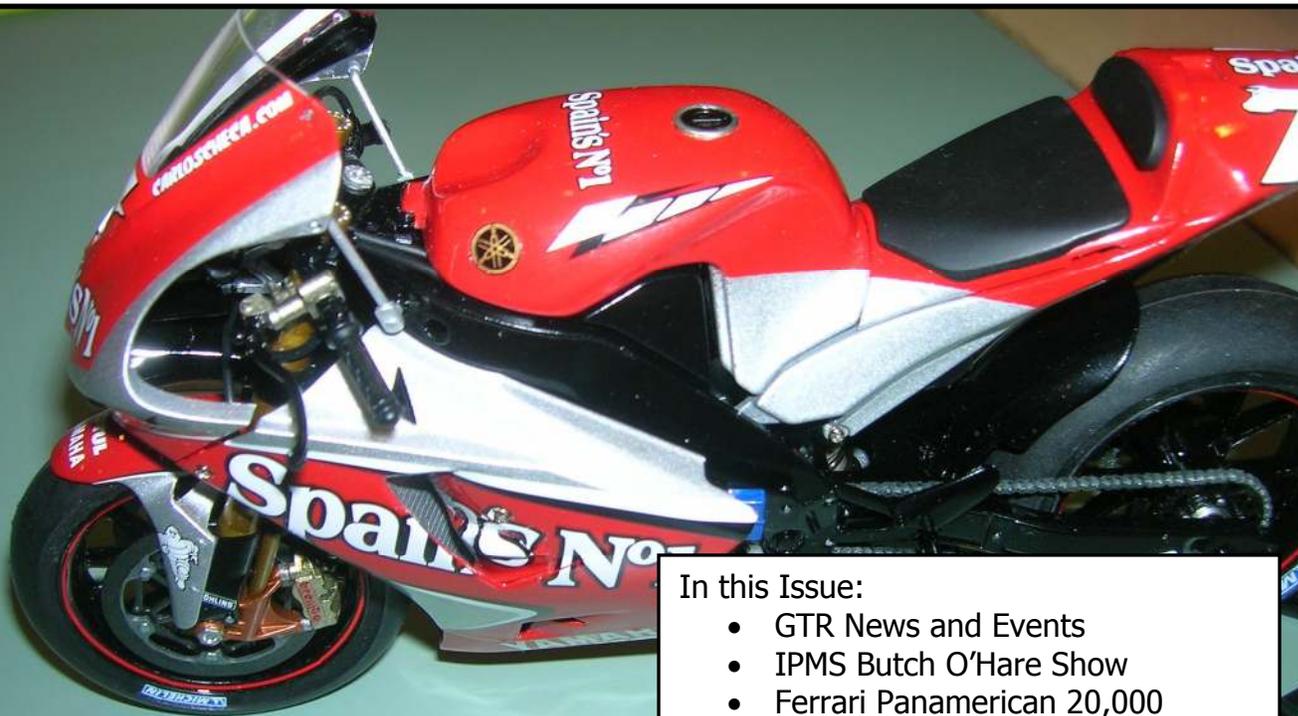


GTR

Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year
2008 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

December Joint Meeting with CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office, Crystal Lake IL
On Route 14, about 1 mile east of Route 31

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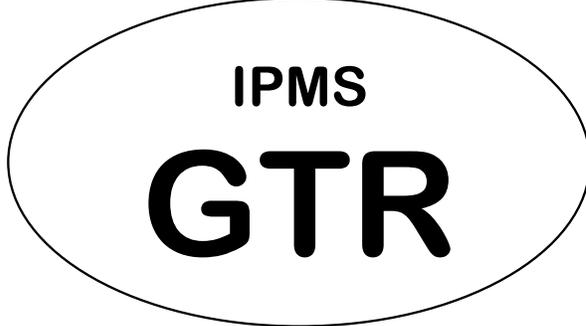
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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann



Industry News

Since their rebirth after bankruptcy several years ago, Airfix has been issuing kits mostly of military subjects and English licensed products. Recently they announced a kit of a 1/32 F1 McLaren to commemorate Lewis Hamilton's Grand Prix championship. However, it looks like the kit is not a 2008 championship season replica, which was a MP4-23 chassis. Per the company website as quoted below it is an earlier car. I assume it is based on a slot car body produced by Airfix parent Hornsby.



The MP4-21 was developed by the team for the 2006 Formula One season and introduced the now familiar distinctive chrome livery. This was the car that Lewis Hamilton tested in September of that year, resulting in his appointment as a Vodafone McLaren Mercedes driver for the 2007 season.

The listed price is £24.99, equals \$42!! Details at: www.airfix.com

Scale Motorsport Ferrari FXX Carbon Fiber decal set



To replicate the one off FXX Ferrari built for Chairman Jean Todt, use the Tamiya kit and this new set, which includes 4 sheets with 79 composite fiber template decals, 2 photo etch sprues and 23 turned aluminum parts. Retail price of the set is \$155.00, available from the usual sources, or direct at www.scalemotorsport.com

Tamiya 956 and 962 Porsche Reissues

Tamiya will be re-releasing their Porsche 956 and 962 kits along with two new P/E sheets. There will be three transkits and nine new decal sheets from Studio27.



These should be available from the usual sources, thanks to www.mshobbies.com for the news.

Real World

The Dakar Rally



The first major motorsport event of the year is the Dakar Rally. Due to the cancellation of last years race due to terrorist threats along the traditional African route, this year it will be held in Argentina and Chile. From January 3 thru 18 racers will run 9,500 km across country in motorcycle, car and truck classes.

Media

In his autobiography *Clapton* (Broadway Books 2007), Eric Clapton briefly talks about his cars, especially his Ferraris. Before he could drive he bought a 365GTC, where he did learn by driving around his estate. He also had a Daytona, a 275GTB and a 250GT Lusso. He once crashed and flipped in a Ferrari Dino in the English countryside. A photo on his *Slowhand* album cover shows another Ferrari crash. Now in his later years he has turned to the "hot rod culture", owning three customs by Roy Brizio, including the 32 Ford below.



We also read that during the worst years of his heroin addiction in the early 70's, other than drugs he would spend his time sleeping, playing guitar and "my only other pastime....building model planes and cars." !!!

Events

Ferrari Expo 2009 Announcement

We are happy to announce that the Ferrari Expo 2009 will be held on April 25th 2009 again at Continental Autosports Ferrari/Maserati/Alfa.

We will again be having the model/photography contest for sportscars/exotic cars/race car/Lemans/F1/Indy etc. All scales will be allowed. We always have several vintage Ferrari's/Maserati's/Alfa's/Porsche's on display along with many new Ferrari and Maserati automobiles.

The show is located near Chicago in Hinsdale, Illinois (10 minutes from O'Hare Airport). Up to 80 tables will fit in the convention part of the dealer. For photos of last years model contest check out the July 2008 issue of *Model Cars Magazine*. Hope you can join many of the best car modelers in North America. We also have several modelers coming in from other countries this year. For more information please contact me. We will have the same model classes as last year. I have included several of the models on display and entered in last year's model contest. This show is about quality not quantity.

Hope you can make it.

Tom Tanner Scale Designs



See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. I will continue to add 2009 events; if any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

Newsletters

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

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

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

GTR News



GTR Update

In December the usual third Saturday is busy for many members as it is so close to the Christmas holiday. So we will once again this year move our meeting date up one week, to the second Saturday, Dec 13, and join the CARS in Miniature club at their site, at the Algonquin Township Offices, 3702 N US Highway 14 in Crystal Lake, about one mile east of Rt. 31. It is a build night, so you can bring something to work on. The Show and Tell Themes are Rare Kits and Resin and Personal Best (Your Favorite Build). Also it is the Christmas Gift exchange, bring in a new wrapped kit and you can take one from the table.

We also decided to host the Summer GTR NNL again next year, and begin the planning for 2009. We need to confirm the dates and locations but the goal is to have it the first weekend in August.

Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meetings or contact me.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We are now going through the annual re-charter process. That means I will update the member records, including national IPMS memberships. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew. Please let me know if you are a national member, I will probably be sending out emails to confirm. Or if you could join the IPMS it will help out the club and the hobby. 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.

Go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, then click on Newsletters, 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.

November GTR Meeting

The November meeting was held 11/15/2008 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. During the business section, after Treasury and Mail Bag we decided to:

- move our December meeting up and join with CARS
- keep 2009 dues at \$15
- go ahead with the NNL again next year.
- sponsor a trophy package at the IPMS Region 5 convention in Madison in March
- purchase a club table at the Rockford show in January

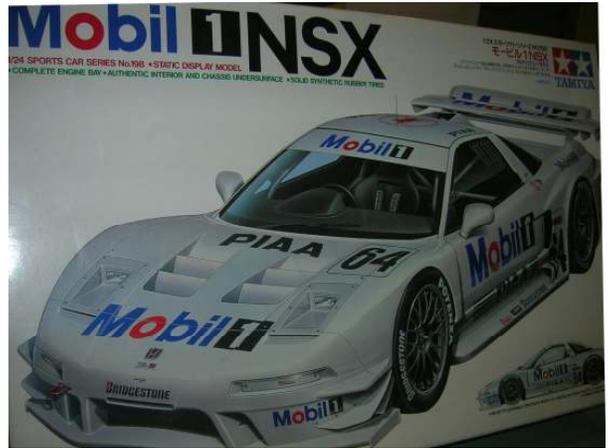
Details on these are above. Then it was on to Show and Tell. Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

Ron Spannraft: Three Tamiya 1/12 Yamaha GP Motorcycles:

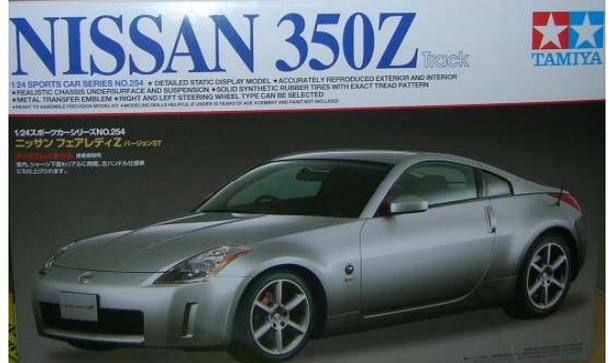




Steve Jahnke: Kits of the Fujimi Ferrari 550 Maranello, Tamiya Honda NXS All Japan GT racer and a 1/16 MG TC from Minicraft.



George Pritzen: Tamiya Nissan 350Z kit



Chuck Herrmann: AMT 1/24 Ferrari 250GT SWB and MPC Turbine Can-Am kits, in progress. Also a Testors/Italeri Porsche 944 Cabriolet in progress.



GTR Classifieds

For Sale: Selling Off Collection

Over 300 Plastic Kits: Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasagawa, Revell/Monogram, MPC, AMT and more 1/18th Diecast : Exoto, CMC, Auto Art, GMP, Minichamps, NASCAR, etc.

Resin Kits: Fisher, Renaissance, LeMans Miniatures, Profil 24, CMA, Scale Designs.

Most kits new, some slightly started, mostly race cars and exotics, ASA, Formula 1's. Also many slot cars.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, 815-566-2339 or jedgeco@hotmail.com

Wanted: Carb air box for the Revell Thunderbolt Fairlane, pristine or painted don't care
Contact Steve Jahnke at
stevejahnke@comcast.net or 847-516-8515

Wanted: Window glass for Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit. And windshield glass for AMT Ferrari 512BB kit 8687

Also, decals for SCTA (*Southern California Timing Assoc*) for a Bonneville Salt Flats racer project.

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2008 IPMS/Butch O'Hare Show

Saturday, November 14
Lakeview Jr High School,
Downers Grove, IL



GTR's Steve Jahnke attended the recent IPMS/Butch O'Hare Show, an IPMS contest and swap meet. It was an all category event, here are some photos from entries on the automotive class tables.



IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

2009 – Aug 19-22 Columbus, OH

2010 - Phoenix, AZ

2009 Region 5 Convention:

March 13-14 Madison, WI

Kit Review: Ferrari Panamerican

Subject: Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano

Mfg: Maisto

Scale: 1/24

Kit #: 39108

MSRP: \$21.99

Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann



The real cars.

The Subject:

In 2006 Ferrari staged an exhibition to showcase their new 599GTB Fiorano. It was a "race" from Rio de Janeiro to New York City, called the Panamerican 20,000. It was 20,000 miles across 16 countries in 15 legs, driven by a team of forty eight international motorsport journalists followed by assorted support and media vehicles, from August 24 thru November 15.

Two 599GTBs participated, one in Tour de France Blue, the other in Rossa Corsa Red with special white accents and sponsor logos. The route ran over paved roads and rugged off road sections. The only modifications to the cars were some underbody protection and slightly raised suspensions to handle some of the rougher sections. The trip ended on Wall Street in front of special display at the New York Stock Exchange, fitting since the US is Ferraris #1 market in the world (30% with about 1,550 yearly sales as of 2006). The cars made it through without any significant mechanical problems.

To commemorate this event, Maisto has released a 1/24 scale die cast kit of each of these cars. Over the Thanksgiving holiday I picked up the red version on sale at the local Hobbytown USA and built it up in a few days.



The Kit::

This kit is similar to other Maisto kits which are really just lower end disassembled die casts with optional wheels. The parts count is small, about forty, and mostly it is snap assembly, with the chassis screwing into the body at the end to hold it all together. The only option is that one set of wheels are chrome plated and the other is silver grey plastic to replicate the aluminum finish.



The body is one piece die cast with opening doors and hood. It is pre-painted in red with white graphics and the various logos painted on. Both cars have a map of the route on the roof, the red one has a drawing of the Statue of Liberty and "Hi United States" on the hood, the blue car has a drawing of the Rio landmark Sugarloaf "Christ the Redeemer" statue and "Hola, Brazil". The plastic pieces are molded in black and tan with some of the details pre-painted. The clear plastic windows are a one piece assembly. The headlights are clear but the taillights are molded into the body and painted red.





The interior is molded in tan with painted on black dash. The chassis is one piece, the wheels snap on. Tires are vinyl.



The Build:

With lots of ongoing projects, the goal with this build was to do it as close to out of the box as possible in just a day or two, since most of the painting was already done. I did remove the chrome plating from one set of wheels as the real Ferrari wheels are not plated. According to the photos of the actual car I found they did use the aluminum wheels, but I thought they would look better darker so I painted them with a Humbrol Metallic gray that buffs out to a metallic sheen. One thing missing from the kit is brakes, and since these wheels are so big that was really noticeable.



But since I wanted a simple build, I did not try to find any. Rather I used the dark wheels to hide this a bit better. Also, once the body is mounted to the chassis you could see daylight straight through the fender wells since there is no engine or suspension details. So I cut some sheet stock and glued it between body and frame. Painted flat flat, along with the darker wheels the missing brakes are not as noticeable.



The interior is molded in tan, but the seats are a totally different shade. From pictures on the internet it looks like the seats were black so I painted mine flat black. I added a touch of weathering to tone down the rear shelf and floorboards, otherwise the rest was done box stock.



The headlights are clear with two long posts to push into the body over a silver painted molded in headlight. This looked very toy-like when done, so I popped them out, cut off the posts and smoothed out the back of the lenses. Then I used Tamiya Smoke acrylic to tint them a bit darker. Also I filled in the holes in the body, smoothed it out and painted it silver. After edging the lenses with a black Sharpie I put them back on. Not the greatest but it looks much better than OOB.



That's it, took about three nights between other projects. It is no award winner, but considering the cost it makes a presentable shelf model of an interesting footnote in Ferrari history.

GTR Event Calendar

December 14 34th Milwaukee Miniature Motors
Model Car Swap Meet
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

2009

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

January 24 Classic Plastic Contest & Swap
Rockford, IL
Dan Myers dfmyers@aeroinc.net

February 2 Hope it don't Snow Show
IPMS Zumbro Rochester, MN

February 13-21 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago IL
www.chicagoautoshow.com

February 28 Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL

March 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 9 Cedarville Model Car Swap and Contest
Cedarville, IL
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053

March 13-14 IPMS Region 5 Convention and
Mad City Modeler 14th Annual Show
IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Madison Area West Middleton, WI
Jim Turek 608-329-7222
jturek@tds.net

March 28 Oshkosh Hobbytown USA Spring
Model Contest: featuring Revell 32 Ford kit
Hobbytown USA, Oshkosh, WI
www.hobbytownoshkosh.com

March 29 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy
Show with 1/43rd Collectors Club
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
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April 4 Somthingth Annual Event
Marquette, MI
Upper Penninsula (MI) Scale Modelers
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April 18 Wisconsin NNL 17
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
mdowd@wi.rr.com scottiekl@charter.net

April 19 27th Annual Spring Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

April 18 23rd Annual NNL East
Wayne P.A.L Building, Wayne NJ
Tom Geiger nnleast@aol.com
www.nnleast.com

April 25 15th Annual Contest
IPMS/West Des Moines
Point of Grace Church, Waukeet IA

April 25 Ferrari Expo
Continental Autosports, Hinsdale IL
Tom Tanner alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

April 30-May3 GSL-XXII Great Salt Lake
International Scale Vehicle Championship
Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre
www.gslchampionship.org

June 13-14 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by Kansas City Slammers
Overland Park Con. Center Overland Park KS
Bill Barker wlb19@yahoo.com

August 1 2nd Annual GTR Summer NNL
Theme: Brickyard
Algonquion Township Offices Crystal Lake, IL
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Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 19-22 IPMS/USA National Convention
IPMS/Eddie Rickenbacker
Greater Columbus convention Center
Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa2009.org

October 22-25 iHobby Expo
Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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Merry Christmas!



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Next GTR Meeting: December 13 – note this is the second Saturday, not the usual third Saturday!

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