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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

2009 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

The August Meeting will be at the Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31 about one mile north of Rt 176

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry News

Tamiya 1/20 Tyrrell P34 1976 Japan
GP Reissue kit#20058



Tamiya's has re-released its excellent kit of the Tyrrell P34 "six-wheeler". This issue features the addition of some photo-etched parts and decals by Cartograf. It builds into the car raced at the 1976 Japan F1 Grand Prix, with markings for the #3 Jody Scheckter car and the #4 Patrick Depailler car. A driver figure is included.



Aoshima 1/24 Nissan Skyline Turbo Group 5 Kyalami 1982 w/Upgrade Parts Kit#04758

This is Aoshima's special limited-edition release kit of the Nissan Skyline Turbo, as it participated in the 1982 Kyalami 9-hour race in South Africa. It is molded in red, silver, and black plastic, with beautiful matte chrome parts and a fret of photo-etched metal detail parts. Decals are provided for race day livery.



Studio 27 Brawn GP Kit



Coming soon is the 1/20 Studio27 Multimedia Kit of the Brawn GP 2009. Kit# ST27-BGP2001
Price: \$195 USD

Real World

Famous TV newsman Walter Cronkite passed away July 17 at age 92. There was another side of Cronkite which involved motor sports. A sport he not only enjoyed but one he participated in. In the 1950s, Cronkite took a career path that did include racing.

Like many Americans wanting to race sports cars, Cronkite joined the Sports Car Club of America. Living in the Northeast, one of the tracks he raced at was Lime Rock.

In 1959, he was in a Lancia Appia Zagato Coupe competing in the GT5 class in the Twelve Hours of Sebring with fellow American Warren Rohlf and Swiss racer Peter Baumberger. The trio finished fifth in class and 40th overall.

From www.motorsport.com

Events

IPMS USA National Convention

The 2009 IPMS/USA National Convention will be held in Columbus, Ohio August 19-22. These are huge events, if you haven't been to one you should. See details at: www.ipmsusa2009.org

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.

This month's regular GTR newsletter is coming out early. Watch for a special edition coming soon dedicated to 2009 GTR Summer NNL coverage!



GTR News

GTR Update

The next meeting is August 15 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. We have the new GTR T-Shirts available for members who ordered one, cost is \$9. If you haven't gotten yours by the meeting you can do so there. If you did not let me know that you wanted a shirt, I ordered some extras but most went last meeting. I have two XL shirts left, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one.



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.

For 2009 the GTR dues will remain at \$15. Members can pay at the meeting or mail to me. There are still a few regulars who need to settle up for this year.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew, we are close as usual. If you could join 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.

July GTR Meeting



The regular July meeting was held at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on July 18. For the business portion we went over the treasury and talked about the upcoming GTR Summer NNL. The club T-Shirt was available and everyone at the meeting picked one up.

Then it was on the Show and Tell. Here are some photos of the stuff on the table:

Gerry Paquette: Fujimi Ferrari 250 California (also see cover) a Mini Exotic Lola T70 Mk3 roadster kit,



and a Fujimi new Mini in progress with detail set



Frank Luque: 1964 Pontiac, a Scale Coachworks resin transkit of the Bob Tullius Gray Ghost along with an AMT 1960 Mercury Comet being transformed into a SCCA racer. (also see cover)



Steve Jahnke: Four Ferraris built models:

AMT 250GT SWB



Revell 308, in red



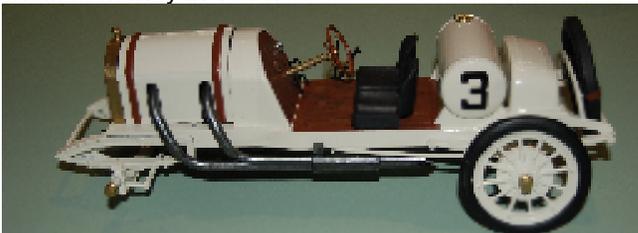
Another Revell 308, in yellow



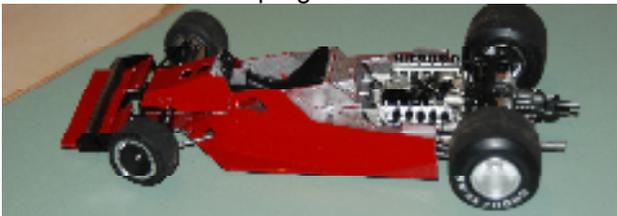
ESCI F40



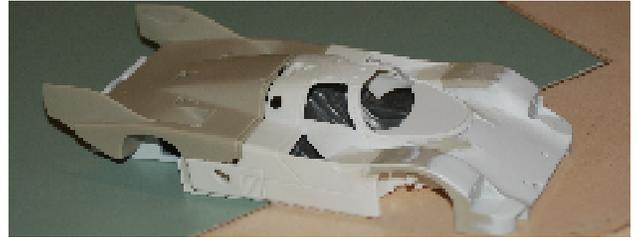
And an in progress Lindberg kit, the recent reissue of the Stutz Indy racer, with markings for Barney Oldfield at Indy in 1914.



Gary Dobson: an original issue Tamiya 1/20 Brabham BT-46 kit in progress



Dave Edgecombe: Studio 27 transkit to convert the Tamiya long tail Porsche 956 kit into a short tail version.



And a Fisher Matra LeMans winner resin kit, also a Quick Skins BMW GT2 transkit along with the donor Fujimi street version. Finally, the Scale Designs Porsche 935 kit.



Chuck Herrmann: Modeler's 1/24 Tyrrell Ford 019 Grand Prix from 1990. Also the Fujimi new VW Golf GTi kit in progress and the new Model King/Lindberg Triumph TR6 kit (see article)



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: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version

Les Whitfield lwhitfield1@yahoo.com

Kit First Look: Lindberg/Model King Triumph GT6+

Kit: 1969 Triumph GT6+

Kit #: 95777 **Scale:** 1/25

MSRP \$ 22.95

By Chuck Herrmann

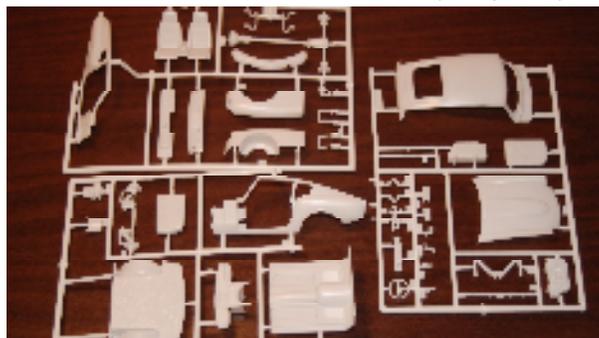


Subject: The Triumph GT6 originally combined the sleek body of the TR4 Spitfire convertible with a fastback coupe roofline designed by Giovanni Michelotti. This design for the Spitfire GT4 prototype was adopted by the Triumph racing-program as it was deemed to provide an aerodynamic benefit for competition. The car was successful and, in 1965, resulted in a 1st in category at the prestigious LeMans 24 Hour race. However, for the final production version launched in 1966 the car was refined and eventually launched as the Triumph GT6 to identify its GT styling and its 6 cylinder engine. Production ran from 1966 to 1973.

The evolved GT6-MK2, or 'GT6+', as it was referred to in the US market, was released in 1969. The GT6+ offered significant refinements over the previous models. A new independent rear suspension provided much-improved handling. Under the hood, an all-new cylinder head, camshaft drive and manifolds provided a robust 104BHP. The car also got a face-lift in 1969. The front bumper was raised, and new sleek side vents were added to the front fenders and rear roof pillars.

Kit: Originally issued by Lindberg in 1979, highlights of this vintage 1/25 Model King reissue include: positional hood and doors, detailed chassis with authentic dual carb in-line six, authentic interior, and vinyl tires with accurate chrome wheels. Model King only produced 3,000 kits.

The kit is molded in white plastic with chrome and clear plastic pieces. The body is a multi piece assembly, with separate hood, doors, front fenders and roof/rear window frame (see photo).



The front end (hood and fenders) build into a flip up unit. While complete, the engine is a simple seven piece assembly. The exhaust system is chrome with a separate chrome muffler. The tires are vinyl with chrome rims.

Optional parts included in the kit are a roll bar along with pieces to make a drag version: moon tank, wheelie bar and side exhaust, all chrome. A nice decal sheet is provided.



Conclusion:

The design of this kit brings back memories of vintage 70's kits, with lots of small pieces with what look at first glance to be delicate fit. I did not build the original issue version back in the day so I don't know how it actually will all go together.

The choice of optional drag parts is curious, since there are no engine mods or racing interior. Would a stock GT6 need a wheelie bar? And since there are no exhaust headers provided in the kit leading to the side exhaust they would just be fakes?

The box art shows road racing versions but again other than the roll bar there are no racing pieces. The wheels and tires look small at first glance; I am thinking a set of resin minilites would look better. The decal sheet looks good, many choices of numbers along with phantom hobby shop sponsors!

GTR Summer NNL

2nd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme: Brickyard: 100 Years of the
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

**The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 2nd 2009
from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township
Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014**

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn. Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.



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GTR 2009 Event

Aug 9 Italian Car and Motorcycle Show
Reina Int'l Auto Capitol Dr. Brookfield, WI

August 13-16 American LeMans Series/IMSA
Road America, Elkhart Lake WI
www.roadamerica.com

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

August 23-23 Milwaukee Masterpiece Car Show
www.milwaukeeemasterpiece.com

August 29 IndyCar Peak 300
Chicagoland Speedway

Sept 12 Gateway to the West Invitation Model
Contest and Swap (IPMS/Gateway (St Louis)
Hitters Choice Batting Cage Eureka, MO
<http://ipms-gateway.com>

Sept 19 Hawkeye Modelers I-Con 09
Point of Grace Church
Waukee, Iowa 50263
Kevin lutzeler iatrekker@mchsi.com

Sept 19 Noricon 2009
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
North Aire Banquet Hall
6831 Highway 65 NE, Fridley, Minnesota
www.aerohistorians.org/nordiccon2009.html

Sept 27 54th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

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

October 10 IPMS/Kalamazoo Scale Modelers &
IPMS/West Michigan; **11th Annual Air Zoo
Model Contest**; Air Zoo Museum, 6151 Portage
Rd. Portage, MI; Clarence Wentzel, (269) 353-
6302

October 3 Toledo Toy Fair and NNL
Sylvania Exposition Center Sylvania, OH

Oct 17 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnsons Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

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

November 14 IPMS/Butch O'Hare 27th Annual
Contest and Swap Meet
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove, IL
IPMS_Butch_Ohare@yahoo.com

December 20 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter
Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com



IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National and Regional Conventions:

2009 Nationals: Aug 19-22

Columbus, OH

2010 Region 5 Convention:

Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – South

Chicagoland – details TBD

2010 Nationals: Phoenix, AZ

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