



GTR Newsletter

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GTR Auto Modelers

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2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
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2010 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

**No June GTR Meeting - see you at the
IPMS Region 5 Convention!**

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

US GP in 2012 – in Texas!

In a surprising announcement today, it was revealed that a round of the FIA Formula One championship would be returning to the US in 2012 in Austin, Texas, not in New York City or Indianapolis as previously rumored. A new track will be purpose-built for Formula One. It will be the first pure road course for the event since it ran at Watkins Glen, from 1961 to 1980. The only other US real road courses to have hosted the Formula One event were Sebring (1959) and Riverside (1960). The date for the event will not be finalized by the FIA until late 2011, but given the high temperatures Austin sees in the summer months (95F is common) a spring or fall date is more likely than a mid-summer one.

The 1984 Dallas Grand Prix, the only time Formula One has visited Texas in the past, was held on July 8th: at that time, temperatures reached 100F and the track surface broke up under the 150F track temperatures and power of the F1 cars. The race winner was Keke Rosberg.

007 Aston Martin for Sale



LONDON (Reuters) - James Bond's 1964 Aston Martin DB5, dubbed by auto auctioneers RM Auctions on Tuesday as the "world's most famous car," will go under the hammer in London in October and is expected to fetch over \$5 million.

It is the first time the distinctive silver-colored car has been available to the public to buy. It is one of two, and the sole remaining, of the original "007" DB5s that appeared on screen with Sean Connery behind the wheel in *Goldfinger* and *Thunderball*. The model comes complete with its "Q-Branch" gadgets including machine guns, bullet-proof shield, revolving number plates, tracking device, removable roof panel, oil slick sprayer, nail spreader and smoke screen. Several of the gadgets are fully operational, although the machine guns are not real.

The car is being sold by U.S. radio broadcaster Jerry Lee, who convinced the Aston

Martin Lagonda factory to sell it for \$12,000 in 1969, becoming its first and only ex-factory owner. It has remained in his possession and has rarely been seen publicly over the past 40 or so years. Lee plans to use the proceeds from the sale for the Jerry Lee Foundation.

Hobby Industry

Among new products I have seen announced by Revell are two 1/25 Kurtis Midget racers, one with a Ford V8 #85-4249 and one with an Offy engine #85-4267. The kits, including a trailer, are due out in the fall.

Revell Germany has announced a kit of the Austin Healey 100-Six, 1/25, Item no. 00023.



I have not seen any details but it appears to be a reissue of an old mold, I believe it has a multi piece body.

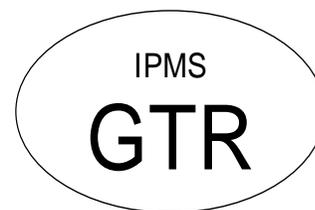
Correction

Sources tell me that the Tamiya Lotus 79 kit in 1/20th scale I mentioned last issue is not a reissue, instead it is an all new tool. Apparently this in response to Hasegawa's announcement that they are doing a kit of the same subject.

Events

The 2010 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention will be June 18-19 at Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN. Details see: www.ipmsduneland.com

See the events calendar for details and for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.





GTR News

GTR Update

There will be no regular GTR meetings in June and July. The June 19 date falls on the weekend of the IPMS Region 5 Convention. So hopefully we will see some GTR guys there. In July it falls on the same day as the NIMCON event at McHenry County College, hosted by fellow local IPMS chapter Lakes Region Scale Modelers. GTR will have a club display as well as a table in the vendor area for members to sell stuff. So make plans to be there in the afternoon of July 17 in place of the usual evening meeting. In an attempt to boost attendance we may have some road trip meetings after that or a change in time or locations on a trial basis. Watch for details. Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meeting or contact me.

For 2010 the annual dues for GTR will remain at \$15. Please pay up at the next meeting or mail to me (checks made out to Chuck Herrmann, **not** GTR please).

Last call for T-Shirts! If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt last year but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. I have three XL shirts left, the cost is \$9, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one. Leftovers may be put into the NNL raffle pile.

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 achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL News

The 3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL will be August 8 at the usual location, the Algonquin Township offices in Cary, IL. The theme is **EuroCars**, any automotive subject that is manufactured in Europe. We are now selling trophy packages for \$35. We are also accepting donations for the raffle. Please contact us to purchase a trophy package or with donations so we have time to publicize your contributions to the show.

May GTR Meeting

The May meeting was held 5/15/2010 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. It was sparsely attended, so no significant business was conducted.



There were only two completed models on the display table last month.



George Pritzen: After seeing several in process photos the past several months, his Tamiya Lexus SC400 Japanese GT series model is now complete, with aftermarket details.



Steve Jahnke brought in a Revell 2005 Corvette L06.

IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We 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.



Product Review

Bob's Paint, Bob Dahl, Racine WI.

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Reviewed by Steve Jahnke

Many of our local readers know Big Bob Dahl from Bob's Paint etc. Bob makes a point to be at most of the shows in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin so he is easy to find at the next swap meet and show. Bob also sponsors the Best Paint award at the Milwaukee NNL. Over the years I have gotten to know Bob and have bought and used a fair amount of his paints, primarily pearls and many other products that he offers.

Bob sells his acrylic lacquer in 2 oz jars; the paint is not thinned so you will have to supply the necessary thinner/reducer as indicated on the jar's label. Bob recommends using PPG 876 acrylic lacquer thinner for best results, although some cheap home-store lacquer thinners work, other times no. I can't tell you why, it depends on the chemistry. Bob's line of paints range from House of Color formulas for Kandy's, Metallics, Pearls, Solids and specialty bases. Bob has been adding popular Muscle car colors to his line and will even mix a custom color for you.

While attending the last Dunn show in Waukesha my table was kitty corner to Bob's, and after buying a couple of new colors from him, he gave me some new colors to try and I said I would review them for GTR. One of the colors I was to try was Ford's Poppy Red. This is a 64-65 Mustang color and was also used on Ford Thunderbolts. I had a Monogram 65 Mustang 2+2 that was languishing on the shelf, and it became the guinea pig. Having worked with Bob's paint before, I transferred some of the paint into a clean jar for mixing. I added some of my cheap lacquer thinner into the paint about 60/40 (thinner/paint) and began to stir only to observe that my thinner was "curdling" the paint...bad chemistry and threw that batch out. I will say that I have used the cheap thinner on Bob's paint before and have not had any trouble. Round 2: I pulled out my PPG DTL 105 acrylic lacquer thinner and remixed a new batch using the same 60/40 proportions (the paint should have consistency of 1% milk) and plugged the jar into my Paasche Model H and began painting. The paint is very opaque and easily covered the gray primer put down before the color coat. I will also give a plug to Bob's car body holding painting rig seen in the pictures.....buy one, you will like it!



Painting the car body was a no-drama affair; the paint went on smoothly and dried fairly rapidly. After letting the body gas out for a couple of days it was time to polish out the paint. I use Micro-Mesh sanding clothes (also available through Bob) exclusively with a small rubber eraser as a sanding block. I started with a wet 4000 grit cloth and then work up to the 8000 grit cloth. Then using Bob's "Snap" and "Pop" polishing and shining products on cotton makeup removal pads, the finish was brought up to a brilliant and deep shine.



I recommend any of Bob's paints and other products for your car modeling project, his line of House of Colors formula Pearls and Kandys are the bomb...try them.



Tips and Tools

Each month this column will feature a short article on a new or unique technique or tool. All readers are encouraged to submit a few paragraphs, maybe a picture or two, of something you would like to share with fellow modelers.

Plastic Weld Liquid Cement

By Chuck Herrmann

For this first installment, I will share an old product that I recently rediscovered. The last time I needed some liquid plastic cement, the hobby shop did not have Tenax or Testors on the shelf, so I bought *Plastic Weld* by Plastruct, the people who make a line of styrene plastic sheets and tubing for scratch building. It had been a long time since I last used it, but now that I tried it, this will be my first choice for a liquid cement. It forms a great joint when you need to weld or mold styrene together and it dries quickly. It does not evaporate as quickly as some other liquid glues, as I found when I left the cap ajar overnight – hardly any had evaporated. When I used it to join a long seam, I brushed a little over the top and when dry it sands very nicely, so it can be used as a filler.

So you might want to try this out on one of your projects. Plastic Weld is available in 2 or 16 oz size bottles.



Minicraft Models Visit

By Chuck Herrmann

On Friday, May 21, 2010, our fellow local IPMS club, Lakes Region Scale Modelers, held their monthly meeting at the world headquarters of Minicraft Models, in Elgin. They had gone there several times in the past, and Minicraft has done presentations at their meetings several times in recent years. This year the meeting was a joint meeting with the IPMS/McKinstry chapter.



The shipping dock was cleared out, chairs set out and the Minicraft trade show display was set

up along with a display of new products and some kits and decals for sale.



Minicraft owner Lewis Nance gave a talk on the state of the hobby industry as well as Minicraft. Like most manufactured products today, the models are actually engineered and molded in China. The Elgin location is corporate headquarters along with distribution. Mr. Nance described how safety and regulatory restrictions have impacted the hobby. After hearing how models need to be labeled for appropriate age groups, it is no wonder Wal-Mart and Toya R Us have stopped carrying products that are labeled as appropriate for builders over 12 to 14 years old! Also the licensing fee issue was discussed, it turns out military models get some breaks because the government actually paid for design of planes, but since the automotive industry is all privately owned the debate over fees and royalties makes releasing automotive kits a complicated affair.



While Minicraft is more known for their plane and ship subjects, they do have a line of auto kits, most notable the 1/25 Triumph and Rolls Royce kits and some 1/16 scale kits. Among the new products on display was a custom sedan delivery version of their 1/16 scale 30's Hot Rod kit.

Thanks to Mr. Nance and Minicraft for hosting an interesting event.

Minicraft Models
1501 Commerce Drive, Elgin IL 60123
www.minicraftmodels.com



GTR Summer NNL

3rd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme:

EUROCARs



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 8th 2010 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. Also we will raffle off some nice prizes.

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.

Awards: Contest participants vote on Best of in each class, Best Theme and People's Choice

Classes:

GTR NNL contest officials reserve the right to move your model to the correct class.

Models that have won previous IPMS Regional or National awards cannot compete for trophies but will gladly be accepted for display.

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal: Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles	All scales	All types
Curbside	All scales	All types: Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales	All types: No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme	All scales	Any automotive subject that is produced in Europe.
Examples: Ferrari, Porsche, Fiat, Renault, VW, Trabant, Lotus, Mercedes, Ducati, Smart, Citroen, Mini, BMW, Opel		
Includes: Production cars, Racing cars, Motorcycles, Trucks		
People's Choice	Any model in the contest.	

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2010 GTR Event Calendar



June 12-13 24 Heures du Mans
LeMans, France

June 12 19th Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Park KS
www.kcslammers.com

June 18-19 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention
Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
www.ipmsduneland.com

July 11 2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic Model
Car Show and Swap
Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club
American Legion Hall, Delavan WI
Keith 262-728-1483 or Rick 262-728-5003

July 17 NIMCON hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region
Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, McHenry IL
See www.lrsm.org or ctnact pij68@comcast.net

July 25 Brickyard 400
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

July 30-Aug 1. Model Car Contest by C.A.R.S. in
Miniature, in conjunction with The Indian Uprising
Car Show St Charles, IL
See the CARS in Miniature home page at
<http://carsandracingstuff.com>
Contact Craig Sincora at csincora@gmail.com

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Phoenix, AZ
www.ipmsusa2010.org

August 8 3rd GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Offices
Cary, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 22 Road America ALMS
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 28 Peak Anti Freeze Indy 300
Chicagoland Motor Speedway

Sep 11 Gateway to the West Show and Swap
Hosted by IPMS Gateway St Louis
Doug Barton 636-332-9960

Sep 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Sep25 Nordic-Con 2010
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
Robert Maderich 612-423-2985

October 9 Toledo NNL
Sylvania Exhibition Center Sylvania, OH
716-434-0733

October 16 IPMS/Glue Crew Contest
Howard Johnson Conf Center, Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.com

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
With model car contest
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.millwuakeeminiaturemotors.com

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Region 5 Convention: June 18-19
Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – Portage, IN
National and Regional Conventions:
2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ
2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE
No 2011 Region 5 Convention

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Next GTR Meeting: July 17, 2010

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