



# GTR Newsletter

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**The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers**

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# GTR Mailbag

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by Chuck Herrmann

## Real World

### Twin Female NASCAR Drivers



Twins Amber and Angela Cope, the twin 27-year-old nieces of 1990 Daytona 500 winner Derrike Cope, made their NASCAR debut in the Martinsville Camping World Truck Series race. They have been racing go-karts since the age of 9 and have run late-model race cars, and according to Racing Reference, Angela has three ARCA starts. Plus, the sisters also have a fashion boutique. Their stated goal is to drive well and look good at the same time.

Angela said she fears the NASCAR community will not take the twins seriously. "I think the obstacles we run into is that we are girly girls, we are blonde and everyone thinks that we are out to be models not racers," she said. "We will make our mark in this sport, earn everyone's respect and look great."

Watch out Danica!  
(Amber finished 26<sup>th</sup>, while Angela finished 30<sup>th</sup>.)

### Woman Killed in IndyCar Driving Experience

A woman crashed a replica Indy race car into a wall at a high rate of speed and died while taking part in the Mario Andretti Driving Experience at a Southern California motor speedway. The San Bernardino County coroner's office says 24-year-old Ashley Phalen of Los Angeles was killed October 15 when her vehicle slammed into a wall and overturned at the Auto Club Motor Speedway in Fontana. She died at a nearby hospital.

It will be interesting to see what impact this has on the various driver experiences operating for numerous types of cars.

### BMW returns to DTM

BMW has now confirmed its return to DTM (Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters) for the 2012 season, an event that has been widely expected since the company publicly announced its intent in April. The company also confirmed the speculation that it would use its famed M3 model as the basis of its competition model to re-enter the series. Last seen on the DTM grids in 1994, the company was attracted back to the series by the new rules package being developed by ITR, the series' governing body.

DTM grids are currently made up of Audi and Mercedes teams, BMW's key competitors in the premium automobile marketplace. Audi and Mercedes currently run the A4 DTM and C-class DTM cars in the series.

The 2012 DTM rules package, which has not yet been publicly revealed, is reputed to use a standardized carbon fiber tub with an increased number of spec components to substantially reduce costs.

The new rules package has attracted the attention of GT-Association, the organizer of the Super GT championship run in Japan, and GT-A has announced its intention to gradually merge regulations with the DTM ones starting in 2012, with the goal of identical technical rules by 2015.

Additionally, the Grand-Am series has previously confirmed discussions with ITR regarding future co-operation. *Autosport* is now reporting that this co-operation will take the form of a US-based series separate from Grand-Am itself, but running at selected Grand-Am and NASCAR events. Neither ITR nor Grand-Am has confirmed this, however.

### Chevy Cruze wins BTCC Title

As a way to promote the new Chevy Cruze small sedan, a factory race team has competed in several touring car race series. In the Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship, Jason Plato earned the 2010 crown at Brands Hatch. This comes just as the new model is launched in the U.S.



## James Bond's Aston Martin

An Aston Martin DB5 used by Sean Connery's James Bond was auctioned off in October for \$4.1 million. The winning bidder is an American classic cars collector who has a small private museum in Ohio.



## Model Empire News

*We all lost a friend this week. Gerry Geiger, co-founder along with his wife Laverne of Model Empire, passed away on Monday, October 18. He was 84. From Mike Gehrke (AMG)*

Model Empire is one of the great hobby shops and mail order car model suppliers, located in West Allis, WI (Milwaukee metro area). For more on the shop see:

[www.modelempireusa.com](http://www.modelempireusa.com)

## Hobby Industry

The big news in the hobby industry was the iHobby Expo, held October 21-24 in the Stephens Expo Center in Rosemont, IL. The public was invited on Saturday and Sunday. A report by GTR's own Gerry Paquette follows, along with some other stuff I picked up off the internet and GTR's Tim Leicht's State of the Hobby Report.

## iHobby Expo Report

*by Gerry Paquette*

It was bit of a bummer at the iHOBBY show for the public days. Several exhibitors appeared to have closed up on Friday and packed off. This included Moebius Models. Their rough copies of the autos (*notably the Hudson Hornet*) and truck were packed away and they only had box art displayed. There was a young lady there who didn't really have much info to pass on.

Lindberg/Hawk was conspicuous by their absence. As usual Tamiya was not there. Revell's booth seemed smaller in size, but they had a lot to display. Round2 was well

represented as well and first time appearance by Matt Wells and Scale Motorsports was welcome.



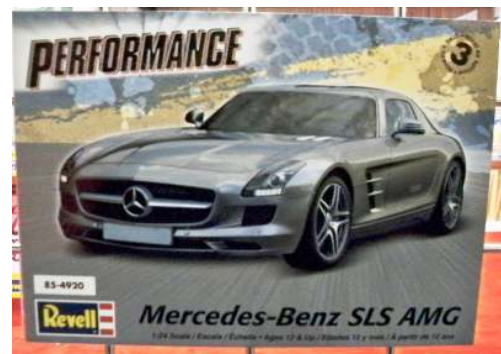
Also, Pegasus hobbies were there as well and I don't recollect them from prior years.

The lighting was worse this year than last and my camera seemed to be acting up so some of the photos are a bit blurry or shiny. Sorry about that. I didn't want to lug the digital SLR around the show and keep in the Make and Take area either. I didn't imbed any photos at this time but have about 250 on Photobucket. Reply with any questions and I'll check my notes. Now down to the quick report.



Revell's announcements are only for the first the first half of 2011. This seems to be their practice for the last couple of years as well. There will be more interesting stuff announced next spring.

Revell's display included what they are bringing in from Revell of Germany. Included in that is the Ferrari 458 Italeri and Mercedes AMG SLS. Even though the Ferrari 458 had a good looking engine from the top, it did not appear that the engine bay opened. I will continue to try and check that one out.



Of note is their big scale 1/12 2010 Mustang Shelby GT500, which is very highly detailed.



Also, a 62 Chevy Impala SS is coming out which will have the buckets and correct hub caps. This is a 2n1 with custom wheels and other goodies. There is a 69 Nova COPO with the dog dish and a BENCH SEAT. It will come with the big block engine, not small block. Revell's research was mixed on whether a COPO big block was available in 69 or not. They opted to go with the big block.

The 2010 Camaro SS is redone to the real car and they are working to make the body kit add-on's in the photo optional.



The Mustang Convertible is a 2010 even though the picture provided to them by Ford is a 2011.



The Kurtis Midgets are just jewels. They are unbelievably nice. As prior noted, the Edelbrock Ford is first followed by the Offy. (see the pictures of the built kits on display at the LMMCC

meeting last month – ed.). The 48 Ford chopped sedan custom is really nice. Revell did not have all the options there, but prior photos of it have been posted. The engine is the same Flathead from the convertible kit.

On the Revell Superbird reissue, the builtup had a Road Runner decal they applied (and you'll see it on the box art). However, it will not be in the decal sheet for the kit. The licensing costs would not allow it.

### **Round2 (AMT/MPC/Polar Lights):**

Truckers rejoice. A lot of truck and trailer reissues are coming. The 61 Ford Galaxy is supposedly due before the year is out. The 76 Chevy Caprice is being reissued as well as the Opel GT.



The Batmobile is soon to be, notice the test sample. There is a delay in the Meyers Manx due to some issues on the test sample. Round2 is working to keep that moving.

A 1/16 Petty Charger is coming out as well as several other reissues. On older kit reissues, if they can find previous box art, such as the Opel GT, they will use it.

### **Other Plastic Manufacturers:**

MRC was showing their upcoming 20" wheels and Lambo Countach. They had the already issued Mercedes SL63, but didn't have the soon to be released Black version.

Hasegawa had the Lotus 78 and Ferrari 312 F1 kits on display. Scale Motorsports had their Cobra, Audi and Corvette C6R transkit there along with several other offerings. Squadron Hobby had several KA models PE aftermarket sets on display. KA models is a Korean company that makes quality PE and Daytona Style Ferrari seats for a lot of Japanese kits and even has a PE for the Revell Mustangs.



**Diecast:**

There was diecast galore and you wouldn't believe some of the detail, especially in the 1/50 scale construction equipment. Not cheap, but quality and detail were amazing.

**Other:**

Lots of HO and N scale vehicles on display as well as some real cars on display. There are some new tool offerings as well including new sprue and PE cutters by Xuron.

And the link to the Album:

[http://s150.photobucket.com/albums/s110/exotics\\_builder/October%202010%20HOBBY%20Expo/](http://s150.photobucket.com/albums/s110/exotics_builder/October%202010%20HOBBY%20Expo/)

**More Hobby Industry News**

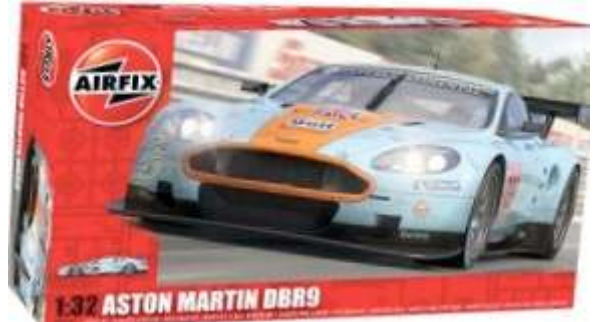
Thanks to Jerry for the report. Check out the link for a lot more photos.

Some other news, Round 2 has delayed the new 1/25 Batmobile out to June. They will have updated 1/25 NASCAR COT (with spoilers) in March, one version will be Danica Patrick's ride. The Meyers Manx is now scheduled for March.

The Revell Ford midget is set for a December release, with the Offy due out in January. The Hawaiian Funny Car is planned for a December release.

**Airfix 1/32 Releases**

Airfix has released some new auto model kits in 1/32. I have not seen these yet but I assume they are static versions of 1/32 slot cars. They come packaged separately (list price 9.99 Euro) also as a combo with glue and paints, and a package of both kits in one box.



**Aston Martin DBR9 Gulf (A03411)**

The two Gulf Aston Martin DBR9s performed superbly in the 2008 Le Mans race. Car 009, driven by David Brabham, Antonio Garcia and Darren Turner, won the GT1 class. The 007 car, with Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Andrea Piccini and Karl Wendlinger behind the wheel, finished fourth in the class.



**Jaguar XKRGT3 APEX Racing (A03410) £9.99**

For the first time in some years, Jaguar enthusiasts will now be able to cheer on an officially-backed Jaguar. The XKR GT3 retains the same supercharged, 4.3 litre quad-cam V8 engine as the road going car. The rules allow for alterations to some key components on the basis of durability required for high performance racing.

[www.airfix.com](http://www.airfix.com)

Also, there is a nice report on the Expo, including coverage of other genres at [www.internetmodeler.com](http://www.internetmodeler.com).

From there we get this photo of Moebius Models Elvira figure.



## **The State of the Hobby 2011**

### **By Tim Leicht**

So, there I was, going down Route 12 to get on the tollway to go to I hobby Expo 2010, when all of the sudden, my Durango starts to overheat. Needless to say, I turned around and limped back to the shop to find the water pump leaking. This was Friday morning. I intended to make the show at 10:00AM, run through it, get back to work and get the race car ready for it's maiden voyage at Gingerman raceway on Sunday. NOT a good way to start the weekend, as the truck was the tow vehicle for the weekend. In so many words, I didn't make the show. HOWEVER, with all my industry spies and connections, I have a pretty good report to give. So, let me get on with it.

You can pretty much sum up this year's show as- The more things change, the more they stay the same. Granted I'm talking mostly race cars here as that is what our club is about.

With the big news at Revell being the 1/12 scale new Shelby Mustang, along with a lot of repops like the Greenwood Corvette with a new set of graphics, the Curtis Midget with some upgraded parts, along with a lot of repackaged Revell Germany kits like the Ferrari 458 Italia. But there is not a lot of new tooling this year from Revell. And quite frankly the most exciting things from them are Revell Germany new tools of the Audi and Mercedes DTM kits, the Mercedes SLS AMG, and the 2010 Formula One kits. I don't know how they found the tooling money, but hey, keep it up Revell Germany! They are quietly becoming the Tamiya of Europe. My questions to Revell are why not a 1/12 scale 2010 Camaro too? Then you can offer repops of the '69 Camaro and the Shelby GT350 in that scale as well! All the rest of their offerings are repops, except for the Funny cars that are already out that are modified toolings. So, did I miss much from them? I don't think so.

Now over at Round2, AMT, Polar Lights, or whatever you want to call them, I see a glimmer of hope. The new "snapit" NASCAR kits are out with 2 others listed as coming in March 2011. BUT, contrary to my review of the snap kit, they are 2004 reissues. 2004? HUH? You know what that means, it's the old tool from the '90s that they added fillers to make the Interstate car, et al, back then that were awful. I was wrong. There will NOT be COT new glue kits. And yes, as I wrote in the review, the new snap kit is awful as well. So NASCAR modelers you are truly doomed. On top of that, they are offering repops of old classic kits like Barnabas Jones, KISS, the GRAVE DIGGER, and the Beatles Yellow

Submarine to "appeal to the younger first time modeler". Kids today never even HEARD of any of that stuff. So how are you going to attract kids with ancient history model kits? I know, I used to own a hobby shop. These will NEVER sell. They didn't 7 years ago, and they won't now. But that's OK, they are offering repops galore of all the kits guys my age built when we were kids like the Bugaboo and guess who's gonna buy those? Guys my age that are rapidly becoming the smallest group of modelers. Now I know why they only announced two new tools- because no one is buying the stuff they released last year but us old farts and the money is not there. I think pretty soon it's gonna be round three and out for Round2.

Moebius has the right idea. Offer fresh, new tooling of cars that were never done. They are gonna sell well. The Chrysler is gonna be a big hit as well as the International truck. Good luck to them.

Fujimi and Hasegawa are now in full scale battle to dominate the 1/20 scale Formula One kit market with new announcements coming it seems like every week. Fujimi now has the Senna Williams and Hasegawa did the Lotus 78/79 the RIGHT way and paid Goodyear the licensing fees for the tires. And SURPRISE, Fujimi just redid the Modeler's Chapparal 2D at a nice price of \$50 too! Looks like Tamiya is taking a beating on the F1 kit market. There are LOTS of aftermarket bit and decals for all these kits to make the correct versions of these cars. YES! Tamiya, who wasn't there, announced at their Tamiya Fair 2010 LOTS of repops including the old VW GTI racer, the Alfa Spider, the Fiat Abarth and many others, along with a new Lexus sports car new tool. Go to Hobby link Japan's web site and see them all listed.

So there you have it, something old and something old. Not a lot of new stuff, but some of it is interesting. One diecast note as well. Maisto and Bburago are now owned by the same company so get ready for Bburago to make a comeback in this country with marketing through Maisto. That is a good thing.

## **Events**

It appears that I have had the wrong date in the events calendar for the Winter Milwaukee Miniature Motors show. It will be December 12, along with a model contest.

The IPMS/Butch O'Hare show is this month, November 13 in Downers Grove.

See the events calendar for details of these shows and for all of the events that I know of. We are adding the 2011 events. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

## Random Thoughts By Les Whitfield

The economy does not seem to be slowing down, and may be accelerating the prices of Ferrari's in auctions. RM Auctions added Monaco during the GP weekend. Examples include a 1962 400 Superamerica Cabriolet sold at \$3.8 M, a 250GT SWB was hammered down at \$3.5M, a 275 GTB/4 for \$1M. The figures are overshadowed by a 1940 BMW 328 "Bugelfalte" Mille Miglia roadster that was not sold after reaching a high bid of \$5.8M!! I have heard rumors that some Ferrari dealers have each sold some 45 – 50 California's. They start in the neighborhood of \$200K.

The Korean GP went off despite speculation. Now we will see how the GP in Texas progresses for next year. The principals of USGP in Texas announced its track layout would be composed of many classic turns from famous tracks. Troubles to be over come include water and road access.

Rubens Barrichello has competed in 300 GP's in his 18 years. Along with this record he has competed in 1/3 of the GP's since 1950.

I regret to say the great Jerry Grant, columnist at *Forbes Magazine* since 1979, who I relied on for intuitive insight into the automotive world passed away last July.

The BP fiasco has more intrigue than a British mystery on PBS. Those of you who did not read the *Wall Street Journal's* two-day full page articles on the series of events are denying themselves some valuable facts. The government is still trying to piece the same information together. In Ron Barons June 2010 quarterly report he mentions congressional testimony listing some serious facts. During the past five years BP had 760 safety or regulatory violations, Sunoco and Conoco had eight apiece and Exxon had one! He went on to mention the *WSJ's* article stating the Mineral Management Service seems to have virtually rubber stamped the multiple drilling permit change orders in a matter of seconds and they may never have been read. Other claims have been made that BP had a company in China rebuild the blow out preventer to save money. *Frontline* on PBS has produced a segment called "*The Spill*" which misses

important facts stated in the *WSJ* article. Countries and oil companies offered their expertise and equipment for skimming the oil, but, the help was rejected by the government because of the "Jones Act" (google it). The Act could have been overruled by an Executive Order for a one time only but for some reason the order was not enacted and we saw the consequences of this inaction. The incident brought Obama to declare a moratorium on deep water drilling. It only applies to U.S. companies. There are some seventeen countries deep drilling in the Gulf of Mexico including China and Viet Nam. There is technology for horizontal drilling. I wonder if someone is tapping other company's wells.

I am happy to say that Round2-AMT is producing several Corvette promos again. Have you noticed how many dealers are showing up with promos at swap meets? I wonder if the need for cash due to the economy is the reason. It could also be the graying (or grayed) of the generation that helped build the model car industry.

I noticed a model of the new Chevrolet Volt in smaller 1/32 scale. I wonder if that is a premonition of real car sales. With all these electric cars are coming out I wonder when racing organizations such as the SCCA will develop a class for them as done for diesel technology. Imagine the rewinding of motors as a power tweak. Just like we did during the slot car phase of the 1960's.

And now - Have any of you noticed while waiting for a car to pass you so you could change lanes only to have them they stop short of passing? You wait for them and wait for them then they spurt ahead only to j-u-s-t pull next to the car that was in front of you. They do the same thing to that car and there is a pattern to this with consecutive cars. *I mean ... "WHAT??"*



## GTR Update

For the November meeting we will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake, on the regular schedule and location.

At the August meeting we discussed doing a club project kit or subject for next year using some of the proceeds from the NNL. So far we have received three nominations for a club project kit: Revell 57 Chevy Black Widow, Revell

Ferrari California and the Revell ARC Viper. Members should contact me with any other suggestions to be discussed at our upcoming meeting – we need to make a decision by November.

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

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line.

Go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://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.

**GTR Classifieds:**

Wanted: Instruction sheet for Matchbox 1/32 Citroen 11 Legere Kit #PK-310  
Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

## October GTR Meeting

For the October meeting we took a road trip, to join up with the Lake Michigan Model Car Club at their annual open house meeting. They meet in Bensenville, IL, at the Faith Community Church Hall.

Here are photos from the meeting.



New Revell midjet racer kits



Display of VWs



Entries in the People's Choice contest



1/8 scale Airfix Bentley, built back in the 70's



Rat rods







Display of truck models



Lambo and other wild paint jobs on display



A display of hearses – fitting for Halloween.

## Kit Review: New AMT 2010 NASCAR C.O.T.

**Subject:** 2010 NASCAR C.O.T. CHEVROLET  
IMPALA

**Manufacturer:** AMT

**Kit#:**AWMK009 **Scale:** 1/25

*By Tim Leicht*

The new NASCAR kits are here! The new NASCAR kits are here! After a long absence from the model kit world, we finally get the NASCAR “car of tomorrow” model kit. Granted this is a “snapit” kit, but there is also coming, maybe, a full glue kit as well. Since NASCAR gets more generic everyday, with all chassis the same, all body work the same, just change the stickers and

you have a Dodge, Ford, Toyota, Chevy, etc. The only difference from one car to the next is the engine! And even those are pretty much the same as well. NASCAR has some serious issues right now, including sponsorship losses, attendance dwindling at races, and manufacturer support down. The so-called Nationwide series changes to Ford Mustangs and Dodge Challengers turned out pretty much the same way. Add some grill stuff and nobody will know the difference. Bland, blah, yawn. Well right now that’s all you get, as well as this kit, that’s all you get. So, let’s take a look.



The first thing you notice is the packaging. With its window view box, it’s very appealing. The one I chose was the #5 Mark Martin Impala, with perhaps some fiddling will become the Danika Patrick #7.



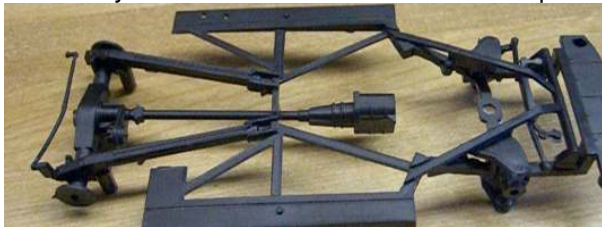
Now open the box, and take a look. The body has some nice tampo painting and the graphics are crisp and clean. However, the exhaust outlet is not painted steel, it’s fluorescent red! The kit comes with TWO sets of additional graphics, one being water slide decals or vinyl stickers (see picture), with the stickers meant for younger builders.

The body is molded in a somewhat transparent plastic that you need to paint black on the inside to stop the light from showing through the roof flap engraving and the hood engraving. If you think I’m nuts, just take your

finger and put it inside the hood by the seam and you will see what I'm talking about. The front spoiler is a three piece snap together assembly with somewhat oversized spoiler supports that snap into place. The rear spoiler is a one piece black colored snap into place part. The glass is a one piece mold that has some of the best tampo painting I have ever seen. They got that part right! The wheels have tampo paint lug nuts and center caps. The tires have some nice tampo painted Goodyear logos, but only on one side. Wonder if AMT saved some license money by doing only one side? Just thinkin.....



Well, now for the not so good news. The chassis is a three piece affair with the roll cage snapping together at the top to the side cage pieces. That then "snaps" to the floor pan. BIG problem here. The pins are too small, they don't stay together and won't without glue. So much for the "snapit" feature. Also the roll cage stops at the B post and any part to the back, along with the entire rear of the cage doesn't exist! What happened, AMT? The dash is just plain wrong, along with a goofy box that the steering wheel attaches to. If you look at the real car, that box is in the center of the floor and the steering column goes straight through the body to the rack. I think somebody didn't QC the mold maker for this part.



It gets worse from here. The "suspension" is a black plastic one piece molding that is just totally wrong and inaccurate. And why black? It should have at least been molded gray like the rest of the kit chassis. There are pins for the springs, absolutely no brake details, a generic half transmission mold, and a panhard rod at the rear that is too long and bends when you try to snap it to the floor. The side exit exhaust is nice, but should have been either painted steel or plated satin chrome. There are two steel rods for the axles with the front being visible when installed.

Enough already, I'm done talking about the chassis.

So, what is the grade on this kit? I give it a D-. It's got some impressive A+ painting and decals, a C- interior and an F- chassis and suspension. This is nothing more than a kid's toy that a kid can't build without some glue and help from an experienced builder. Just like the last go around with AMT's NASCAR kits, these are headed in the same direction - the dollar table at swap meets and Hobby Lobby. If this is the future of NASCAR model kits, we're doomed! Much like the real cars, this is a homogenized version of what used to be the real deal. I certainly hope the full glue kits are going to be better, that is if they ever show up. I'm NOT holding my breath.

## 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. Feel free to pass along anything you feel would be of interest to fellow modelers - we welcome submissions from all readers, not just GTR members!*

*This month's tip comes from Skip Samples, of the San Diego Model Car Club*

I got this email from fellow SDMCC member Lee Williams, who's now living in North Carolina, about a new product called Kosutte Ginsan that is basically a powder that's used to create chrome effects. The link from Lee below takes you to a YouTube video showing a demo of this amazing product. I did a little more quick research on it and found a couple of other links, including a source (Hobby Link Japan) and a thread on the Model Cars Magazine Forum that sealed the deal for me. I'm going to try and order some tomorrow and see how it works.

<http://www.modelcarsmag.com/forums/index.php?showtopic=28780>

Unlike Alclad, which I LOVE and will continue to use, this stuff is rubbed onto a glossy black painted surface. The upsides, according to the reviews I just read, are that it works instantly, doesn't need to be airbrushed, and can be clear-coated without any ill effects. The downside of rubbing it on is that it's probably difficult to get it into tight spaces like wheels, grilles, bumpers, and other small compound surface areas, but maybe there's a way around that, too.

Anyway, take a look at the links and give it some thought. As soon as I can get my hands on

some, I'll give it a try and let you know how it works.

Thanks again to Lee for this info.

OK, I know you like spending all of your spare cash on trick stuff, especially things that produce a chrome finish, I just came across this and am now looking for somewhere to buy it. You may have seen it, you may not, its called Kosutte Ginsan, I'm guessing its Japanese!!.....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBN6m92ve1Y>



## 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! We are going through the annual renewal process this month, and we need five active national IPMS/USA members to renew. Often we have had issues getting the required amount of IPMS members, so help out GTR as well as the IPMS and join or renew now! Details can be found at their web site, [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

**IPMS USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

2011 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Omaha, NE  
The website for the 2011 Nationals is now up and running:

<http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>

No 2011 Region 5 Convention since the National is in region 5

2012 Nationals: Orlando, FL

## GTR Event Calendar

### 2010

Nov 13 28<sup>th</sup> Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Contest  
Lakeview Jr HS Downers Grove, IL  
John Wendt 630-969-9016

Nov 21 Open House Brian's Pro Shop & Hobby  
1211 S 4<sup>th</sup> St Dekalb, IL  
815-758-4801

[www.briansproshopandhobby.com](http://www.briansproshopandhobby.com)

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 12 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show  
With model car contest  
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI  
[www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com)

### 2011

Jan 31 Rockford Classic Plastic Swap  
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale  
Ken Rock Community Center, Rockford IL  
Contact [dfmeyers@aeroinc.net](mailto:dfmeyers@aeroinc.net)  
(refer to RWIS Show in subject line)

Feb 27 57th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.  
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Apr 9 Milwaukee NNL Waukesha, WI

Apr 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show  
Waukesha County Expo Center Waukesha, WI  
[www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com)

Apr 28-May 1 GSL XXIII International Scale  
Vehicle Championship and Convention  
Sheridan City Center, Salt Lake City, UT  
[www.gslchampionship.org](http://www.gslchampionship.org)

June 4-5 Heartland Model Car Nationals  
Hosted by KC Slammers  
Overland Park (KS) Convention Center,  
Bill Barker 608-438-1842

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Attack of the Plastic  
American Legion Hall, Delevan WI

Aug 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Omaha, NE  
<http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>

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Happy Thanksgiving from  
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