



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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This New Mini will be competing in the Dakar Rally, the kick-off to the 2011 Race Season!



GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
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2011 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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On Rt. 31 about one mile north of Rt. 176**

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

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GTR Mailbag

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by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

New Audi LeMans racer is a coupe



Audi has presented its 2011 LeMans 24 Hour race challenger, the R18 TDI. It will not appear at Sebring in March, it will not be ready in time so they will use last years open top R15. US fans will need to wait until October for the Petit Lemans at Road Atlanta to see it in person on US soil.

VW to NASCAR?



After having previously denied being interested in competing in NASCAR (as late as Nov 2009), rumors of VW joining the series have been revived. It appears the main change in thinking is that VW will soon be manufacturing cars in the US at it's Chattanooga, TN plant. Their "New Midsize Sedan" will be built there, so VW may want to race in NASCAR as a marketing strategy to push the new car in the US. This is another example of the changing global automotive marketplace – if a car is manufactured in Tennessee it is still a foreign car?

Fahrfunungen, y'all!

Windscreens for F1 cars?

The FIA is reviewing the use of larger windscreens to provide additional driver protection. Below is a mock up of what it may look like.



Also, some in the sport, especially Ferrari, are not happy with the plans to downsize to 1.6 liter four cylinder turbocharged engines for the 2013 season.

Vietnam GP?

There is news of a proposal for a Formula One circuit to be built near Nha Trang Bay in central Khanh Hoa province in three years.

The Ministry of Planning and Investment has confirmed that an investor met with relevant Vietnamese authorities to find out about the feasibility of the project. No timeline has been mentioned.

Ironically, there is no French GP on the calendar so it looks like Vietnam may once again defeat their former colonial masters.

Daytona Repaving



The high banks present quite a challenge to the repaving team at Daytona as the track is updated for the 2011 season.

Hobby Industry

1/12 Airfix Bentley

The 2011 Airfix catalog lists only one new automotive release, the 1/12 scale 1930 4.5 liter Bentley, kit #A20440.



Fujimi Releases

The next 1/20 Grand Prix release from Fujimi will be the Ferrari F2007 Early Version, kit #FUJ09068 scheduled for December release. Drivers that year were Felipe Massa and Kimi Raikkonen.



Fujimi will also release a Porsche GT3 racing version, something Tamiya has never done, kit #FUJ18976. I assume aftermarket decals will be forthcoming as there are lots of similar cars racing in various series around the world.



This is set for a January release.

Fujimi 1/22 Motorcycle kit

Besides challenging Tamiya's long dominant 1/20 F1 kits, Fujimi has now announced they will do 1/12 scale racing motorcycles, another area Tamiya has long held the lead in the marketplace. The first kit is to be this SCOT RACING TEAM HONDA® RS250RW 2009 WGP 250 CHAMPION. Kit #



Tamiya Slot Car Bodies

Tamiya will reissue, after 40 years, three 1/24 slot car bodies: Ferrari 330P2, King Cobra and Lotus 40. They look like styrene plastic, if you are not into slot cars they may be usable as a base for a static model?



Nuremburg Toy Fair

The Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair in Nuremburg, Germany is Feb 3-8, 2011. Hopefully some more kit releases will be forthcoming?

Media

Versus coverage of DAKAR

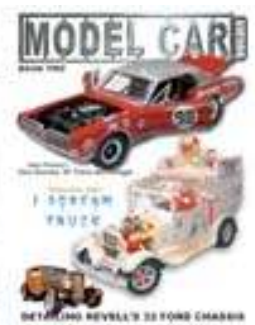
There will be daily coverage of the 2011 DAKAR Rally on the Versus cable network again this year. In the Chicago area there is a daily 30 minute update at 2:30pm and then repeated at 11:00pm each day.



Model Car Builder Magazine

A new model car magazine, *Model Car Builder*, is now available. See the link below to preview and order. I have not seen a hard copy but the preview certainly looks good.

<http://www.magcloud.com/browse/Issue/119733>



Events

The Classic Plastic Swap held by Rockford Wheels in Scale will be Sunday, January 30, in Rockford IL. GTR will have club tables at the show.

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

Mattel market price has gone up 27% this year. Forecasts for next year are 20%. During this past year I saved a lot of money not buying any 1/43 Ferrari models because they are only available as built ups. I wish Ferrari would let some one else produce kits in that scale. Mattel has the rights and BBR of Italy has exclusive rights to 1/43 scale.

Strained relations between North and South Korea have China concerned with their alliance with the north. I believe if they have to stand behind their old friends in the North and the U.S. of A. stands behind theirs in the south, there will be a trade embargo. What will happen with all those companies who moved their manufacturing facilities (including model cars) there? Will China who owns so many US Treasury bonds dump them on the international market and create another crisis? By the way, did you realize almost all of the garlic sold in the chain supermarkets is from China? Who gave them some special dispensation that allows them to flood the market?

Toyota has received the maximum fine that can be imposed on a manufacture for failing to do a timely recall of their vehicles. The fine was \$32.4M and the recall of over 11 M cars worldwide.

I was just watching (21 Dec) *Euronews* on my digital channel 20.3 TV. They were reporting that in Vienna houses were being built of completely renewable sources, wood for the structure that is. Where is all that wood going to come from? Isn't it trees that take in CO2 and produce O2 for us? Aren't we co-dependent? What do the environmentalists that want to protect trees going to say? A little later in the program they were mentioning that urban sprawl is not good and people must live closer together. Any spaces

between buildings must be filled before expanding a town. They started showing high-rises as a preferred living space. How are you going to build a structure that is made of completely renewable sources (wood) when that material cannot support something that tall? Then they went into CO2 emissions and global warming. Let me see here now (as a certain physicist would say), reporting of the deaths in Europe from the severe cold, 30 in Poland for example. In England Heathrow Airport, and others across Europe, has passengers stranded and cargo that will not be shipped for Christmas because of the weather cold and snow extremes. I have seen video of the airport and the amount of snow there. From my perspective it looks like something we in Chicago would call flurries. They don't have enough de-icing fluids for the planes, which would get a mayor in Chicago fired for incompetence. But let me be a little kinder; with the stream that flows past England normally bringing warmth also they are not accustomed to cold like us.

Previously mentioned in an issue of IPMS GTR; reported in *The Prancing Horse* magazine the fires of Ferrari 458 Italia's seem to have occurred when the rear wheelhouse and heat shield assemblies become close to the exhaust system causing the adhesive to over heat and under certain circumstances ignite. To see pictures visit www.wreckedexotica.com

I seem to remember when Flavio Briatore made Burdie Martin (then head of ACCUS) announce on U. S. of A TV, that CART or Champ Car or is it now Indy Car racing (?), was a local series and not an international affair. I think to myself: engines: Honda – Japan; Chevrolet (Ilmore, Penske) and Lotus (Cosworth) England; chassis - Dallara - Italy; Fuel ethanol (what's wrong with good ol' methanol from wood scraps?) - Brazil; Drivers (according to Indy Car) USA - 12, Brazil – 8, England – 6, Australia, Canada, Japan, Venezuela– 2 each; Belgium, Italy, New Zealand, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland – 1 each; Tires – Firestone Japan; Aero Packages varied..... I hope you get the point of my random thoughts. Am I right about that incident? Reported in *National Speed Sport News*, Briatore was accused of avoiding taxes by registering his yacht in the Cayman Islands. Authorities said he owes \$5M in unpaid taxes.

The former president of Royal Dutch Shell stated on the December 27 program of *Nightly Business Report* that Americans will probably see gas at \$5 a gallon in 2011.

I am excited about the GTR club project using the Revell Ferrari California. The Viper would have also been a great project.

In the state of Illinois there is a law, passed a few years ago, that when you're in the left lane and a faster car comes up you must move over. (Jim Mateja, retired columnist of the *Chicago Tribune* auto letters, referred to it as a law that wasn't enforced.) I usually see a rolling roadblock in the left lane, many times with them on the phone. I like to refer to them as "old mares" (horse people would understand this) because they will block other horses that try to pass them. But, when driving in the right lane and a tollbooth or off ramp comes up, these "old mares" in the left lane need to move to the right, it is always at the last second and it is **right now** and they get ticked off when you cannot do so immediately. Yet they do not have the courtesy to move over. *I mean, WHAT!*

GTR News

GTR Update

Since the December meeting date was so close to the holidays, we cancelled the meeting, as we have for the past several years. So the next meeting will be Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake.

We will need to decide on the club officers for 2011. Anyone wishing to be an officer should please contact me prior to the meeting in case we need to hold a vote.

Dues for 2011 will remain at \$15; you may start renewing by sending me a check (made out to Chuck Herrmann or Steve Jahnke) or paying cash next meeting.

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. For January and February we will meet at the usual time and place. In March the meeting date falls on the same day as the Ferrari Expo event in Hinsdale so we will have club tables in the vendor area. That will take the place of the usual evening meeting. After that it is TBD at this time. We have several possible changes that will be discussed at the meetings early next year. We need to try something to help boost meeting attendance.

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.

GTR Classifieds:

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

Club Project 2011

The 2011 GTR Club project kit is the **Revell Ferrari California**, either the coupe or roadster version, either the US or German release.



Members who complete a build of the kit, will receive a \$15 rebate by the club (essentially free membership) if the completed kit is shown at the GTR club display at the Ferrari Expo or the Milwaukee NNL, at our May GTR meeting or if I receive a photo via email by the day of the May 2011 GTR meeting.

So start building! Any version or modifications are allowed. We will reserve a display space at our GTR Summer NNL. for the built models.

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/>

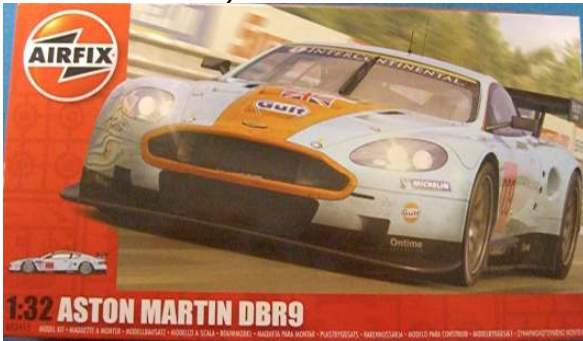
No 2011 Region 5 Convention since the National is in Region 5

2012 Nationals: Orlando, FL

First Look: Airfix 1/32 LeMans Aston Martin

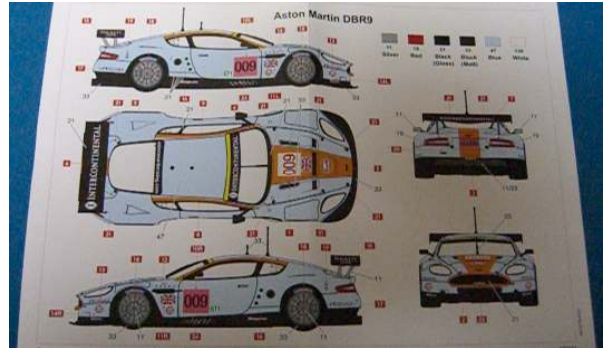
Subject: Aston Martin DBR9
Manufacturer: Airfix/Hornby
Kit#: A03411 **Scale:** 1/32

By Tim Leicht



When Hornby bought the ruins of Airfix, rumor had it that Airfix model kits were gone forever. That being the case, I was shocked to see that for the first year under Hornby almost no car kits were released outside of a few small scale British subjects like Triumph and MG in 1/43 and 1/32 scale. Then, they shocked the model world with the 1/32 scale McLaren Mercedes F1 car of Lewis Hamilton. It was a nice kit but almost too pricey (\$50) to succeed. It must not have because it's gone in 2011. Now, Hornby has done something right. It has melded Scalectrix slot bodies with extra parts to make model kits. The Aston Martin DBR9 is just that. This is the Gulf liveried GT1 car that beat the Corvettes at LeMans in 2008. Let's check it out.

This kit has a rugged, crisply molded body, since it is basically a slot car. At the top of the rear wheel openings there is a small seam line that goes up to the roof on both sides. There is only one other part for the body, the front valance, molded in gray. There is also a separate rear wing and mounts for it and the body mounts to a well detailed flat chassis plate with diffusers and separate inner wheel wells. It makes for a very strong assembly overall. The glass is molded front and rear together with separate side glass and headlight lenses.



The interior is well done with a FULL rollcage (are you listening AMT?), detailed race seat with molded on seat belts, and a complete floor board. However there are no gauge details or decals to place on the display. The center console does have well engraved switch details that when painted will look very realistic.

Now for the letdown. The tires and wheels are molded together in plastic with tire inside rings to be glued in place. It makes painting them different colors VERY difficult. I think they should have found a way to use the slot car tires and wheels to make a much better looking car. There are brake discs and calipers, but only the outside is engraved.

The kit also has separate molded antenna and wipers. The decal sheet is well done, and the kit comes with a full color decal placement sheet with paint colors pointed out as well.

So, what are my thoughts? Unless someone like Tamiya does this in 1/24 scale, the only other choice is a resin cast kit at about \$200 compared to the roughly \$16 price for this kit. While this kit isn't perfect it's a nice example of this car. And by the way, Airfix is doing more cars this year including resurrecting the old 1/12 Bentley Blower, and a 1/32 Jaguar XKRGT3 race car.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. We urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! We need five active national IPMS/USA members to renew. Often we have had issues getting the required amount of IPMS members, and this year we had the minimum, 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, or see me for membership forms.



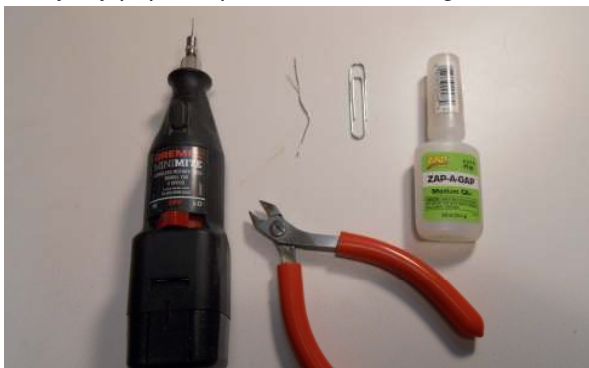
Tips and Tools

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!

Paper Clips in Modeling

By Chuck Herrmann

This month we will look at using common everyday paper clips in model building.



Sometimes there are glue joints that need some extra support for joint strength or positioning. I often use paper clips for this. You only need a paper clip (more accurately a portion of one), a drill and your adhesive of choice.

Recently I was working on a resin figure by Jimmy Flinstone. It was two pieces, and after trimming the excess the joint is a bit rough so it needs some help to line up while the glue sets.

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I drilled two holes in one piece, cut a short length of paper clip and glued it into the holes. Then I rubbed some paint on the tips, and while wet pressed it against the other side to mark the contact points.



Next I drilled two holes in the second piece as marked, dabbed on some CA super glue and pressed it together. The pins hold it in place while the glue dries.



Then I filled the gap with putty and CA, filed and sanded and finally painted it. Above is the (almost) finished figure.



Another application is in mounting mirrors, bumpers or lights when the piece has no mounting peg. I reworked the parts bin headlights above, drilled a hole in the headlight and glued in a length of paper clip. Then I drilled a hole in the body and glued in the headlights.



You could use other size wire or tubing but I find the thickness and strength of a common paper clip works well for many projects.

2011 GTR Summer NNL

4th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: Made in Japan

Sub-Theme: 50 Years
of the Winternationals
Drag Racing



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 July 31st 2011 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 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.

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Classes:

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: Japan	All scales, all types	Any automotive subject that is produced in Japan. Examples: Honda, Toyota, Nissan, Subaru, Mazda Includes: Production cars, Racing cars, Motorcycles, Trucks
Sub Theme:		
50 Years of the Winternationals	All scales, all types	Any drag racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Winternationals
People's Choice	Any model in the contest.	



2011 GTR Event Calendar

Jan 1-16 Dakar Rally
Argentina-Chile

Revell/GearZ National Model Car Championships
January 15, 2011, through May 15, 2011.

<http://www.hubgarage.com/mygarage/spdnmotion/blogs/27012>

Jan 16 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Jan 29-30 Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona

Jan 30 Rockford Classic Plastic Swap
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken Rock Community Center, Rockford IL
Contact dfmyers@aeroinc.net
(refer to RWIS Show in subject line)

Feb 20 NASCAR Daytona 500

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

Mar 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 19 Ferrari Expo and Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL

March 19 ALMS 12 Hours of Sebring

Mar 27 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show
With 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Apr 9 Milwaukee NNL 19
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI
Scott Koch scottiekl@charter.net
Or Mike Dowd mdowd@wi.rr.com

Apr 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show
Waukesha County Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeminaturemotors.com

Apr 16 NNL East New Jersey

Apr 28-May 1 GSL XXIII International Scale
Vehicle Championship and Convention
Sheridan City Center, Salt Lake City, UT
www.gslchampionship.org

May 1 31st Annual Hoosier Model Car Assoc
Swap and Contest Theme: 100 Years of Indy 500
First Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis IN
Dave Williams 317-322-1852 indyhmca@aol.com

May 7 Mad City Modelers Show
Doubledays Banquet House, Madison, WI
Kerry Fisk 608-438-1842

May 29 Indy 500

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

June 11-12 24 Heures du Mans
LeMans, France

July 10 3rd Annual Attack of the Plastic
American Legion Hall, Delevan WI
262-728-5003

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October 20-23 iHobby Expo
Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Nov 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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*Happy New Year
from
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