



# GTR Newsletter

## March 2011

**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**

**2011 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

**March Meeting at the Ferrari Expo at**

**Continental Motorsports in Hinsdale, IL March 19**

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## From the Pres:

February has been a busy month. I came back on as president of GTR, our club is going through somewhat of a rebirth, and we lost two pioneers of the hobby

First let me say I'm glad to be back as club president. I know I haven't been around much in the last few years, but I'm going to make a concerted effort to make more meetings this year. As for the club, we are moving our meeting location to the Algonquin Community Center AND changing the meeting night to the first Saturday of the month. We hope this will bring us more members and allow you to make other club meetings as well.

Now the bad news. At the beginning of the month the hobby lost it's true pioneer, George Toteff. George was employed by AMT (Aluminum Model Toy). He pioneered the sliding mold mechanism in 1958, allowing car model bodies to be molded in one piece, and also released the first Three in One kits from AMT, allowing builders multiple ways to build their model car kit. He left AMT and started MPC in 1963. All those classic funny car kits came from MPC while George ran it, along with the 1/20<sup>th</sup> scale kits, such as the STP Turbine Indy car. In 1970 he took the reins of Lionel and resurrected it from near extinction and built it back into a model railroad power player. In the 1990's he bought Lindberg and brought out lots of new kits and put it back on it's feet. He will be missed.

At the end of the month, another pioneer of the hobby, Bob Reder, passed away. Bob started Monogram models with Jack Besser in 1945. They used to work out of a house in Chicago and grew it into the facility in Morton Grove, merging with Revell at that time. This was a heart felt loss for me. Years ago in the late 70's Bob had a Mercedes SL coupe and I used to work on it at Mercedes Benz in Arlington Heights. He used to always come over and talk to me about his car and we became friends. I told him my kids were getting to the age that I wanted to get them started building models one day and he thought that was great! The next day he came to pick up his car and he walked over to my bay and handed me a box. It was filled with model kits! He told me "give these to your boys and let me know how they work out". I never forgot that kind gesture and have always tried pay it forward by giving away kits to good causes like sending them overseas to our troops. Bob, I will always remember you.

Now for some diecast news. Exoto, the 1/18<sup>th</sup> scale race car producer has I think, hit a brick

wall and it may not recover from it. Last year Exoto lost a lawsuit with Jim Hall, the father of Chaparral race cars, and was ordered to pay him \$600,000.00 in unpaid royalties and \$1.8 million dollar in exemplary damages. On top of that, Exoto then lost a long time battle with Ferrari SPA in December 2010 and was ordered to pay them royalties to the tune of 1 and half times the profits Exoto made on their Ferrari race cars from day one. That's a LOT of cash! Can they recover from this? Time will tell. If it was me I would NOT be preordering anything from them right now and for the foreseeable future.

Well guys, hope to see you at the next meeting. I actually built a kit and I am working on another one right now. I'll have a review next month of the build up. So for now, keep on building!

*Tim Leicht*

## GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

### Real World

#### F1 Season Opener Canceled

Due to the ongoing political unrest throughout the Middle East, the opening round of the 2011 Formula One World Championship, the Bahrain Grand Prix scheduled for March 13, was canceled. A reschedule to later in the season is still being discussed. Only two other Grand Prix have ever been canceled, the 1985 Belgian GP due to a problem with new track construction and the 1995 Pacific Grand Prix in Japan due to a major earthquake. The 2011 season now starts in Melbourne, Australia March 27.

#### New Open Aston Martin LeMans racer



The new Aston Martin LeMans racer will be an open top design. The cars will compete at LeMans as part of the new International LeMans Cup series, Also it will run in the US in the ALMS by the Greg Pickett Muscle Milk team, who used the Porsche RS Spyder the last several seasons.

## NASCAR to go to FUEL INJECTION

NASCAR will go to FUEL INJECTION for the 2012 season. The current carburetor set up used in NASCAR since 1947 has not been used by American production cars since the mid 80's (my 86 Dodge Omni/Charger still had a carb, one of the last). So "stock" car racing gets a little closer to production vehicles. An interesting note is that the new engine control unit will be sourced from McLaren.

## Government NASCAR Sponsorship under Attack

U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.) has introduced a bill designed to ban the military from spending money to sponsor "NASCAR race cars." Bill Harper, her chief of staff, dismisses the effectiveness of those sponsorships on recruiting. "The question is, why are taxpayer dollars being used to sponsor NASCAR race cars? We've got two wars going on. Can we afford it? This is not an attack on NASCAR. There are a lot of private sector businesses that support NASCAR. The Pentagon is in the war-fighting business and not the race business."

Harper, her chief of staff, dismisses the effectiveness of those sponsorships on recruiting. "I would challenge the Pentagon to give me one example of someone today in Iraq or Afghanistan who saw the Go Army car going around the race track and that's why they joined the Army. It may be the reason why they go to Home Depot but not necessarily Afghanistan."

## Lady ARCA Racer



Canadian Maryeve Default, from Quebec, has landed a full season ride in the ARCA stock car series. Default, 28, whose father was a professional motorcycle racer, was a Miss Hawaiian Tropic model, has acted and did stunt work. She has driven in Star Mazda and Formula BMW races. At the season opening ARCA 200at

Daytona she finished 28<sup>th</sup> after crashing out at 65 laps.



*Maryeve Default: they don't make stock car drivers like they used to.....*

## Media

### CAR MODELS NASCAR article features GTR's John Schaefer

CAR MODELS magazine Issue 155 Dec 2010 features an article on modeling NASCAR's COT in 1/24 scale. Our own John Schaefer provides the chassis and roll bar detail need to convert the prior generation Revell kits into the current Car of Tomorrow spec.

## Hobby Industry

AMT(Round2) has announced a new version of their NASCAR COT Impala kit. It will be a white generic kit, no authentic markings but decals with the Auto World logo will be provided. Also it will have the new spec spoiler in addition to the wing used previously.



## Events

The Rockford Classic Plastic event, originally set for January 30, was unable to find a suitable venue for a date that did not conflict with another event so it has been canceled. Hopefully they will have an event next year.

Ferrari Expo is March 19 at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale. GTR will have tables in the vendor area, stop by and see us!

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*

I thought with the enthusiasm generated by the release of Revell's Kurtis midget kit it might be fun to mention the state of 1:1 scale racing. The premier event in midget racing is the Chili Bowl in Tulsa, Oklahoma in January. Five days of indoor dirt racing at the Tulsa Expo Raceway. This event draws racers from old and new alike hanging with the fans in the stands. Many of the Indy 500 winners began their career with these cars unlike the go-kart stars of today. Sammy Swindell has been the king of this event for some time. Now his son Kevin has won the event two years in a row.

As I write this column it is two days after the blizzard of 2011. Two feet of snow with lots of wind (up to 55MPH) created some drifts like the six-footer in my back yard blocking my path to the garage. The city and neighbors did a fine job clearing the street. The next morning I dared to go check the alley. I had to go through a neighbor's yard due to the drift in my back yard. Then I saw my garage; four feet of snow down to the alley. I dug out the apron and that's all I could handle. It doesn't matter much since the alley needs to be dug out by the city before any of us can drive out. Where to go, where to go? Well I can save a few dollars in gasoline to order that Ferrari Tour de France from Harold Bradford.

February record snows in the area topped 32 inches all because of global warming I am told. Then in the same breath the media news mentions the 27 inches in 1905 and 1930 with a previous record in Oklahoma of 31 inches in 1889. Well before any serious industrialization.

Gasoline prices in Chicagoland are the highest in the nation. Disregarding taxes, it still baffles me why we are singled out. There are four pipelines to the Chicago area, three from Canada  
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and one from Texas. I guess I really know the reason.

I looked out front to see if the neighborhood bunnies found the snacks I left for them. It's in the single digits out there and I just couldn't see them struggling. I could only imagine what it would be like if we had global cooling. I looked outside one night and there was the CFL just barely glowing. You all know what a CFL is, a Compact Fluorescent Lamp. Something the government decided, with their 'friends', that America would not change to without a nudge. So they are legislating out all other forms of lighting. Something I don't think they realize is fluorescent lamps cannot start if the temperature is below 60 (specialized ballasts can work down to 50). Wait till they have to put up with lamps glowing at best. Sort of like the seat belt interlocks. When the politicians had to put up with them the interlocking devices were discontinued. Of course they will probably be able to get good old incandescent bulbs. Where will they buy them though? Government mandates for these bulbs have caused the closing of the last bulb factory in the U.S. This results in more layoffs due to government mandates. Has anyone read the CFL packaging to see where they are manufactured?

These CFLs contain a bit of mercury, the same stuff that replaced lead in paints and was itself removed because of poison problems. On television I saw how they would recycle these lamps. They grind the glass while the mercury and other dust components are blown out into the atmosphere. But, according to the government it is a miniscule amount.

In Ron Baron's December 31, 2010 Quarterly Report on the state of his funds he mentions having dinner with Warren Buffet. He quoted Buffet who said he thought tax rates on income and estates should be increased. "We don't want to create dynasties". He gave his vast fortune to the Bill Gates + foundations. Except where he set up separate foundations at \$1B that each of his offspring would manage.

In the December 14, 2011 issue of the *Detroit Free Press* GM stated they would give bonuses of \$4K to its 45,000 hourly workers. It will also give \$3K to 3,000 workers at Delphi parts plants. Top 1% of managers will receive bonuses as high as 50% of their annual salaries. That makes GM's share \$189M but not paying down the government bail out. Salaried employees will receive between 6% to 23% of their base salary in bonuses where the workers manager will determine the final amount. Ford will be giving \$5K to their hourly workers. *Bloomberg* News reported Chrysler will be giving bonuses around

\$10K to some of their salaried workers. To my thinking the profits should have been used to pay off the bond and stockholders who lost almost everything. They also put themselves on the line. I have been thinking where will I purchase my next car from.

Though I don't like Letterman, he had Donald Trump on (March 2) so I thought I would hear his comments on the world. He talked about the shipping of jobs to India for customer service and China for manufacturing. He told of a friend who was buying a plane for \$3M and it was built in Brazil. His friend was getting a \$1.2M tax credit from the good ol' U.S. of A. Where is our tax rebate for paying for this government. I hear the GAO found the government is wasting \$500B a year in redundant departments. I understand that this happens when a bill is going through congress some legislator puts in their own similar bill so the constituents will think they are doing something. It also gets their name in history.

Have you noticed when you're driving along and the second car in front is entering a ramp or a turn lane the car in front of you starts to follow them then realizes they didn't mean to and abruptly turn back into in front of you because they were not paying attention? I mean...*WHAT!*

But, these are just my random thoughts.



## GTR Update

The next meeting will be Saturday, February 19, 2011 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. 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 several months of discussion, at last month's meeting we decided to move the meeting day for our regular monthly meetings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month to the first Saturday. So beginning in April, on April 2, we will meet on the new day, same time 7:00 PM. We will also move to a new meeting location, the **Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014**

This is same site as our annual Summer GTR NNL. Hopefully the new date and location will improve attendance at the regular meetings. 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.

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

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 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.

## February GTR Meeting

The February meeting was 2/19/2011 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. For the business portion we went over the changes in the meeting schedule, the treasury report and mailbag. Then it was show and tell. Below are some of the models and kits on the table.

Larry Fulhorst: A 1/20 Tamiya Porsche 911 in the Jagermeister colors.



Ed Sexton: a real nice looking 1/32 slot car of the 1979 Ronnie Peterson Lotus 79 F1.



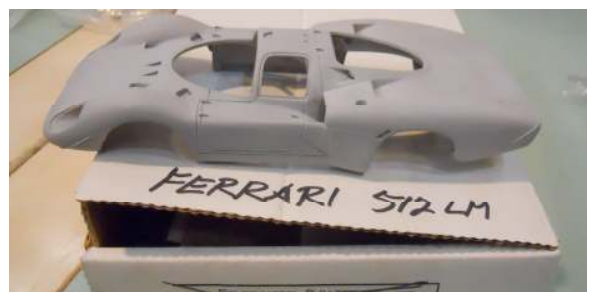
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And a Model Factory Hiro 1/20 multi media kit of the March 721 F1 car.



Dave Edgecomb: Fisher 1/24 resin kit of the Ferrari 512LM



Chuck Herrmann: Motor Max diecast VW W12 concept car conversion into NARDO speed record setting race car in progress, and



several Dodge A100 trucks, one built and others in progress as potential tow vehicles for the new Revell midget racer and trailer kit.



George Pritzen: Testors 32 Ford Hot Rod die cast kit in progress.



## 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

From Region 5 Coordinator Kelly Quirk we have received the annual Region 5 "Best of the Year" awards. The winners are:

Website of the Year: KC AMPS

(<http://www.kcamps.org>)

Newsletter of the Year: IPMS Richard Bong (The Wingman)

Region 5 Chapter of the Year: IPMS Plastic Surgeons (West Des Moines, IA)

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# 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

## Kit Build: Ferrari California



from Revell Germany



**Subject:** Ferrari California Up Top

**Manufacturer:** Revell Germany

**Kit#:** 07119 **Scale:** 1/24

115 pieces molded in red, white & clear

**MSRP:** \$28.25

*By Steve Jahnke*

Today's Ferrari California is a named decendent of the legendary 250 GT California of the late 50's and early 60's. Designed for export to America, the 1957 250 GT California Spyder

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was Scaglietti's interpretation of an open-top 250 GT. Today's California has a number of unique firsts for Ferrari: it is their first mid-front engine V8, first with a 7 speed dual clutch tranny, first direct injected engine and most importantly, the first Ferrari ever to have a folding metal roof making it a coupe/cabriolet. Today's California is from the pen of the house of Pininfarina. Other notable statics include a 4.3 litre direct fuel injected V8 rated at 450hp capable of attaining a top speed of 193mph.

Revell of Germany produced the California in two different styles, the coupe or uptop version and the Cabriolet or downtop version. Revell US markets the cabriolet version and Revell Germany the coupe version; although I believe Revell US will also be marketing the coupe version as well.



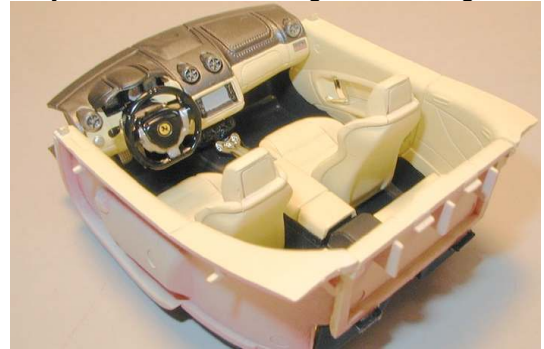
Having seen the California last year at the Ferrari Expo in Hinsdale, I was anxious to build the model of this new stallion. Initially I was not as thrilled with the looks of the California in cabriolet mode, the high trunk "bussell" which allows the car to stow the roof looked a little ungainly to me. However with the top up the lines of the car appeared to be more coherent as the top flows into the high trunk line. When I saw the uptop in model form I had to have it even at Revell Germany prices. There are two main differences between the up and down top offerings by Revell, one of course is the roof or roofless designs and the other are the wheels offered by the kit. The cabriolet has the 5 spoke "star" wheel similar those found on Revells 599 GTB, while the coupe has narrower 5 spoke wheels similar to the 612 Scaglietti.

#### **The Build:**

The layout of the kit is classic Revell Germany, all of the engine and driveline components mount to the chassis pan. It is a shame that the beautiful engine and drive line are all but hidden from view. The 4.3L V8 was a little jewel in itself as was the rear transaxle assembly. I used Testors buffing Aluminum rattle can spray on the entire engine, exhaust, radiator and drive line assemblies. All of the suspension arms were

picked out in Tamiya flat silver, the instructions call out everything to be in black....blah!

As most of you know, I like to paint my car bodies first before I start gluing part one together. After considerable perusing through my array of model colors I chose to give "California Dreamin" (as a close friend christened her) an exterior color of 2008-2011 Corvette Inferno Orange Pearl lacquer courtesy of Loren Butzwitz Colors for Miniatures. The interior would have to be contrasting and tasteful, so I chose (hold on to your chairs folks) Polyscale Santa Fe Whisker Yellow railroad color. I can hear the Ferrarista purest blanching their guts out now that a Ferrari would be dressed in anything other than red or yellow. In the real world you can get anything you want if your wallet is fat enough....but I depress.



After a gassing out period of 2-3 weeks I color sanded the bronze beastie to Modena perfection. In the mean time the interior and power train were assembled and finished. The wheels were pretty bright in comparison to her new "Up-town" look. Quick de-chroming yielded beautiful wheels that were then shot with black primer (for depth) and topped off with Alclad II Steel and later buffed to a nice patina. A very Up-town look. At the same time I painted the top of the dash with Alclad Steel adding a nice contrast to the pale yellow of the rest of the interior.

I will say that this kit is engineered very well, all pieces fit and work the way they were intended. The suspension pieces line up perfectly for those of us who like to build our model in modules hoping to heck that when final glue up time comes that everything lines up and you don't have one or more wheels not touching the ground.

All in all I am very pleased with the way "California Dreamin" came out; she has won my heart over. I also have a California drop top that will eventually be her stable mate. I will probably steal another set of wheels for the drop top because I don't fancy the "diamond" style wheels of that kit...call me fickle. I give this kit a 5 lug-nut rating...boo-yah!





## Up Top v Down Top Kit Comparison



**Subject:** Ferrari California Open Top

**Manufacturer:** Revell (US)

**Kit#:** 85-4291 **Scale:** 1/24

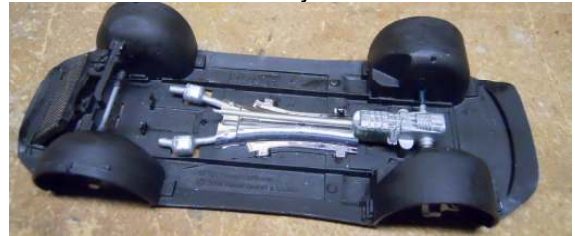
*By Chuck Herrmann*

Since both the up top and down top versions of the Revell Ferrari California kits are eligible for our 2011 project, I thought I would point out the differences between the up top Steve reviewed and the down top kit.

Basically they are the same kit. Obviously the roofs are different. Since the roof is really a retractable hardtop, there is no convertible boot. The panels are shown as it looks with the roof retracted. There were some issues with the window frames on the US release being squished too low due to packaging, if your kit is affected contact Revell for a new body. I was able to get mine to sit back up by heating the frame and forcing it to stay up, a Sharpie pen fit in well to hold the frame to the proper height until it cooled.



As Steve noted, the wheels are different in the two kits. The down top kit features the more intricate star design shown above. While I prefer the plainer wheel style, for my build I stripped off the chrome (which appears to be a bit too bright in either kit) and painted them black. I think they look much better that way.



Both kits have the same chassis and engine, there is a lot of detail that will be hidden once it is done, especially the engine and rear end.



The V8 engine is nicely done; here is mine in progress above. Once the engine shroud is in place and the engine mounted in the car mostly is not visible, so I decided to keep the engine for use in a future project.



So there you go. The reviews in *Scale Auto* and *Model Cars* as well as others online all are favorable, so you should not have any major problems. So start building the 2011 GTR club project Ferrari!

# 2011 GTR Summer NNL

4<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Classes:

<b>Competition Open Wheel</b>	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
<b>Competition Closed Wheel</b>	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
<b>Street</b>	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
<b>Custom</b>	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
<b>Commercial</b>	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
<b>Motorcycles</b>	All scales	All types
<b>Curbside</b>	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
<b>Out of the Box</b>	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
<b>Theme: Japan</b>	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
<b>Sub Theme:</b>		
50 Years of the Winternationals	All scales, all types	Any drag racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Winternationals
<b>People's Choice</b>	Any model in the contest.	

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# 2011 GTR Event Calendar

## Revell Model Car Championships Online Contest



January 15, 2011, through May 15, 2011  
Revell/GearZ National Model Car Championships  
On-Line Model Car Contest  
<http://www.hubgarage.com/mygarage/spdnmotion/blogs/27012>

March 13 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Cedarville Model Car Swap  
& Contest  
Jane Adams community Center Cedarville, IL  
815-238-0634

March 19 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferrari Literature, Art &  
Model Expo  
with Model Contest  
Continental Motorsports  
420 E. Ogden Avenue Hinsdale IL

March 19 ALMS 12 Hours of Sebring

Mar 27 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show  
With 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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

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

May 7 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Hoosier Model Car Assoc  
Swap and Contest Theme: 100 Years of Indy 500  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Indianapolis IN  
Dave Williams 317-322-1852 [indyhmca@aol.com](mailto: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

June 5 13<sup>th</sup> NNL North Show &Swap  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN  
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985  
[www.RPMMModelClub.com](http://www.RPMMModelClub.com)

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

July 31 4<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL  
Contest and Trunk Sale Swap Meet  
Algonquin Township Office, Crystal Lake IL  
Theme: Made in Japan  
Subtheme: 50 Years of the WinterNationals  
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Aug 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Omaha, NE <http://www.ipmsusa2011.org/>

Oct 16 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show  
With 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Sep 25 58th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.  
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

October 20-23 iHobby Expo  
Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

Nov 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
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# GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter



**See you at the Ferrari Expo at Continental Auto  
Sports in Hinsdale on March 19!**

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**Next GTR Meeting: March 19, 2011 at Ferrari Expo**  
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