



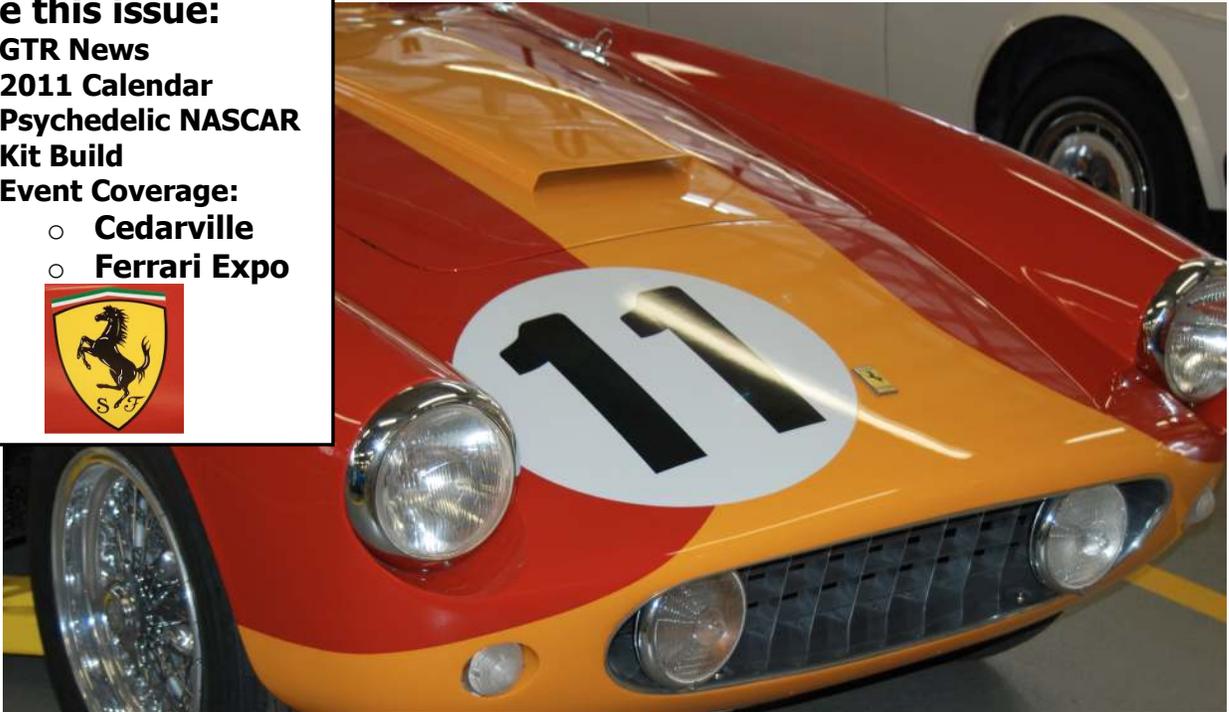
GTR Newsletter

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

**April Meeting at the Algonquin Township Office
On Rt 14, about one mile east of Rt 31 in Crystal Lake, IL**

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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

Real World



New Ferrari Four

From autoweek.com

The newest Ferrari is the Ferrari Four (FF), built for four occupants and the first Ferrari with all-wheel drive. Ferrari claims the FF is the world's fastest four-seat automobile.

It's not exactly beautiful, but this Pininfarina-penned coupe is charming with an undeniable Ferrari presence. The FF looks a bit ungainly, or perhaps oddly proportioned as Ferraris go, but it's less so than the four-door Porsche Panamera.

The FF will replace the 612 Scaglietti, which at the moment is still available. FF production for the United States begins in October, with the first cars arriving by the end of the year, priced at \$290,000 or more. About 25 percent of the annual build is earmarked for North America, but if you don't already have your name on an FF (and if you do, you probably already own a late-model Ferrari), you won't be getting one anytime soon. Ferrari claims the first year's run of 800 is already spoken for.



Media

National Speed Sport News ceases print publication

From autoweek.com

NSSN's announcement on Tuesday that the just-printed March 23 edition will be the 76-year-old publication's final song is sobering.

"This is one of the saddest days of my life," said NSSN publisher Corinne Economaki in a statement released to the media. "The sluggish economy has made it too difficult to continue publication, and no matter how I try to make the numbers work--and believe me, I have tried--it is just not feasible to keep the business going.

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"For 76 years, since August 1934 when my father, Chris, sold copies of the first issue at Ho-Ho-Kus Speedway in northern New Jersey, to today--as I oversee the very last copy printed--this paper has been an integral part of my family." Age had mostly silenced the voice of the larger-than-life Chris Economaki, now 90, whose column in NSSN was recently replaced by a digest, using contributions from the staff. He sold the first issue of NSSN at Ho-Ho-Kus Speedway in New Jersey, soon after began writing for the publication, and became editor in 1950.

Similarly, NSSN's readers have been aging, and dying. And young readers did not embrace the print publication the way their elders did.

An on-line version of NSSN is available at: www.nationalspeedsportnews.com/

Sebring 12 Hour TV Coverage – An Editorial

Several months ago I reported that the TV coverage for the American LeMans Series races would be switching from *Speed TV* to *ABC/ESPN*



The first race of the year was this month's 12 Hours of Sebring. Speed TV has provided 8 or more hours of live coverage for the past several years, featuring both the start and finish. This year, there was no live coverage on TV; there was a 1 ½ hour broadcast on late Sunday morning on ABC. But the format was lousy, instead of putting together a summary it was just various segments of live coverage spliced together. There was 15-20 minutes of coverage, then after commercials it would come back several hours later in the event! So there were a whole new mix of results on the leader boards but no mention of what had happened over the last several hours. There was no flow to the program; it was hard to get into the race. Endurance races feature stretched out drama and strategy, this coverage was spotty and disjointed and impossible to follow. I understand the show aired about 12 hours after the race so putting an edited documentary style program may not have been feasible, but some better format could have been used. Or wait a week to put a proper show together. The larger number of households that get ABC and ESPN than Speed TV may be better economically for the ALMS but for serious fans it

was a dismal failure as compared to Speed TV coverage in past years.



The winning Oreca team Peugeot 908.



Ladies in NASCAR

Nationwide Series Jennifer Jo Cobb:



They don't make stock car drivers like they used to.....a PINK drivers suit?

Events

The big local event this month is the Milwaukee NNL on April 9. GTR will be there with our club display table. And the next day is the Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show, the swap meet at the Waukesha County Expo Center.

On the national level, the Great Slat Lake event is April 28-May 1 in Salt Lake City, UT

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.



GTR Update

The next GTR meeting will be Saturday, April 2, our first meeting on our new day, the First Saturday of each month, at the new location, **Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014**. In May we will also meet at the Township. So be sure to mark your calendars for the new day and place.

The Township 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.

GTR will have our club display table at the Milwaukee NNL on April 9, so any GTR guys going to the NNL should bring in some stuff to help fill up the display table.

Dues for 2011 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, 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.

Ferrari California Project Kit Update

Having finished my California kit, I can report that one thing to check carefully is the fit between the rear of the interior tub and the body. On mine and on all the kits on display at Ferrari Expo, there is a noticeable gap. You may want to fill in the opening prior to painting and final assembly.

Also, the instructions on the kit do not indicate painting the entire rear taillight clear covers with Clear Red, but it should be based on the real Californias seen at the Expo. *Chuck Herrmann*

March GTR Meeting

Ferrari Expo



For March we did not have a regular meeting, instead we had some tables in the vendor area at the Ferrari Expo at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale on March 19. So there was no new business last month. The Expo was a great event, as always. Some of our guys sold some stuff, some bought some things.



Continental Auto Sports is a great host, it is a beautiful setting along with of course lots of full size exotic cars to look at. They clean out the service shop and let event goers drool over the cars and projects in the shop. The model contest, sponsored by Tom Tanner of Scale Designs, is smaller than most but draws some top quality models that fit the GTR themes perfectly. Below are pictures of the event, models and full size toys that added up to another great day. The weather also cooperated, it was sunny and in the 50's so lots of Italian cars stopped by the event – there was a lot of buzz about the new Ferrari GTO as well as other great cars out in the parking lots.



GTR Club Display and swap tables



There were some nice models in the contest.





Tamiya F1 Lotus model.



Classic Ferraris in the shop.



The contest theme was the Mexican Carrera PanAmerica races from the 50's.



The Expo is always a great way to spend a day, beautiful models and exotic Italian cars!

Thanks to Continental Auto Sports for hosting a great show, and to Tom Tanner/Scale Designs for putting together a nice contest.



Cedarville Toy Show

The 2011 Cedarville Toy Show was Sunday, March 13 in Cedarville, IL, just north of Freeport. I had heard the show was a growing event over the last few years, so I decided to check it out this year. The swap meet is huge, rivaling the



Nice models available for sale.



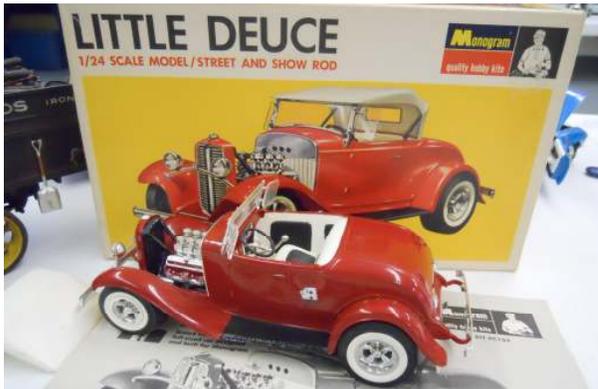
166M in the showroom.



The new Ferrari GTO!

Wheaton shows. Most of the subject matter for sale and in the contest tended to be more custom

and traditional hot rods, as opposed to exotics, sports and imports.



The contest featured entries from 47 modelers, in 20 classes. Trophies were awarded to the first three cars in each category.



The rat rod genre was well represented.



The Revell of Germany 1/24 bus, converted to a race team hauler.



Kit Build:

Psychedelic NASCAR Racer

By Walt Fink

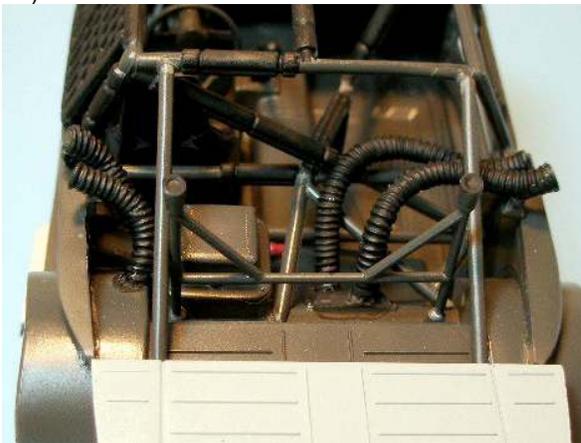
Revell's NASCAR Chevrolet Monte Carlo kit finished as Dale Earnhardt's 2000 Charlotte car.



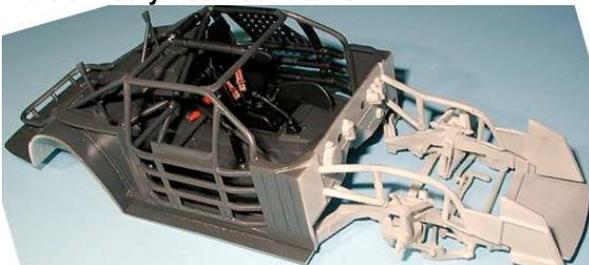
Dale Earnhardt fielded a car at the 2000 Lowe's Motor Speedway spring races which had been given a psychedelic paint job by artist Peter Max. It was exclusive to two races and he never raced in that paint scheme again. But I liked the

bright colors, so “had to” try my hand at building a model of it. I understand that this version was released several years ago, but all that’s available now is aftermarket decals (Photo 1). I decided to build a replica of the “show car” with dark gray/black interior and use a set of these JWTBM (Just Want To Build A Model) decals which I got from Al’s Hobby Shop.

I used the Revell kit of Kevin Harvick’s #29 Monte Carlo and found a broken spoiler, plus other areas which didn’t fit, so I used Apoxie Sculpt to fill those in and restore the kit so I could start painting it. There’s a lot of stuff inside a NASCAR body, including the roll cage and ductwork, which I finished with care (Photos 2 & 2a).



Photos 2 & 2a
Walt’s nicely detailed interior.



Of course, once I got the whole thing together, all this couldn’t be seen. Doesn’t that figure.



Photo 3: The body shell with its base coat of yellow and red applied.

I painted the whole body shell yellow, with a red roof, trunk, and cowl (Photo 3). Then it was a matter of applying the decals---not as easy as I thought, as they didn’t quite fit the body shell and I had to do a lot of trimming and brush-painting to blend in the holes and gaps left by my slicing and dicing. (Photos 4 and 5). All the pastel colors frankly gave me fits, trying to match their colors, but sticking with it eventually produced a body shell completely covered with color. I used Gunze Sangyo acrylics for the whole build.



Photos 4 & 5: Careful trimming of the decals was required to get them to conform to the body shape. Then patient color matching to fill in the gaps.



My friend John Walzak came through with a set of sponsor decals for me, which was the easiest part of the build, particularly after wrestling with the JWTBM decals for all the wild colors. The finished model looks pretty cool, if not contest-quality.

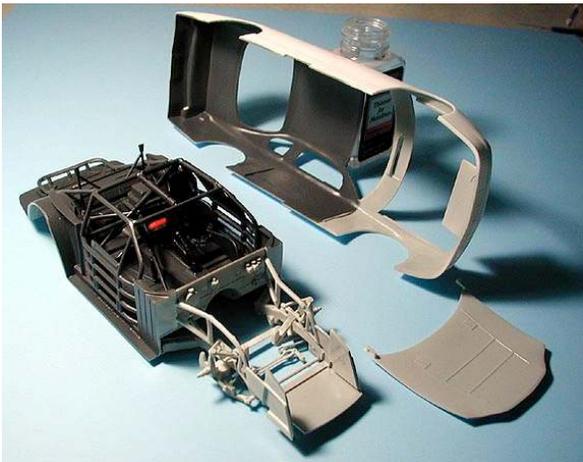
(See Photos 6 and 7).



Photos 6 & 7: Perseverance results in an eye catching model.



This "complicated build" actually turned out to be just that. After suffering through it, I discovered the decals from Al's were actually misprints, and they didn't conform to the body contours either. I mentioned the Apoxie Sculpt I had to do on the body. When I attached the body shell to the chassis, I found that the wheelbase didn't match up with the fender openings (note how far back the front wheels are in the wheel wells) and a myriad of other teeth-grinders. Happily, with this one in the collection, there's not gonna be another one.



The real thing in action.

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 we will add a tip from Walt Fink on how he did the wheels on his Peter Max NASCAR Monte Carlo.

I was asked how I painted the thin red lines on the rims. I'd previously sprayed them black, and since the kit was done in white plastic, I just laid the rims face-down on a sheet of sandpaper and sanded off the black---that gave me a black wheel with a white rim. Then I used a red Sharpie to color the rim.

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



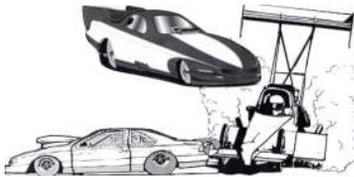
2011 GTR Summer NNL

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.

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.	

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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>

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.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.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 7 31st 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

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 13th NNL North Show & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985
www.RPMMModelClub.com

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

July 31 4th 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 Winter Nationals
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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 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL
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

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

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

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