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GTR's 15th Anniversary 1999-2014



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GTR Auto Modelers

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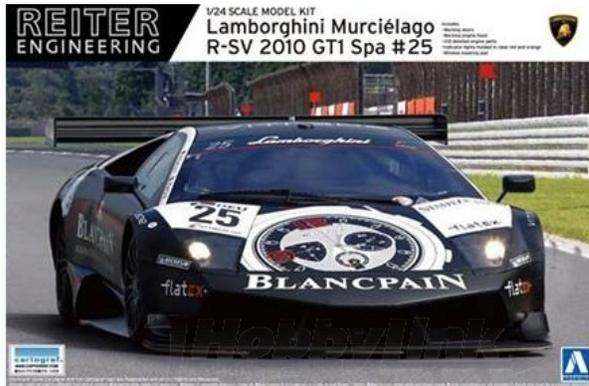
by Chuck Herrmann

INDUSTRY NEWS

There are two new 1/24 Lamborghini kits recently announced by Aoshima.



The Aventador LP700-4 Roadster and the



Murciélago R-SV GT1 #25 race car from the 2010 Spa event.

Milwaukee NNL News

At the Milwaukee NNL, a resin Porsche 917PA was on display – the kit is to be available soon from Race Car Modeler.



And at the Revell display of new products there was news that the Datsun 510 race car, prepared by Pete Brock, will be reissued!



Here is a photo of the earlier box art.

REAL WORLD American F1 Team!

It's been officially confirmed that there will be a new American team on the Grand Prix grid. NASCAR Sprint Cup team owner Gene Haas has been granted a Formula One license by the FIA.

Haas formed Haas Automation in 1983 and entered NASCAR's Sprint Cup Series in 2002. After partnering with Tony Stewart and changing the name of the operation to Stewart-Haas Racing, he won a title a decade later with Stewart behind the wheel.

Although he has not ruled out campaigning a F1 team for 2015, at Fontana Haas said time was of the essence to build an operation that could compete next season. He expressed his gratitude to FIA for their approval. "I want to thank the FIA for this opportunity and the diligence everyone put forth to see our license application come to fruition."

The final timetable and details are still being determined. Speculation on the web says the chassis will be initially built by Dallara and the engine will be by Ferrari. Drivers are still to be named; maybe an America driver will return to F1? Probably not Tony Stewart but who knows!



Dario Franchitti will drive the pace car at this year's Indy 500. It will be a black Camaro Z28, the eighth time a Camaro has been the pace car.

EVENTS

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



Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014



One of the annual logo cars in the early years of GTR was this Indy Lola in 2002, fitting for remembering this May, Indy month!

GTR Update

2014 7th Annual GTR Summer NNL

GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 3, 2014 at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 50 Years of Pony Cars. We are now accepting trophy sponsorships and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.

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The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, May 3 at the Algonquin Township Building.

The 2014 GTR Club Calendar is still available! Cost is \$10 to GTR members. We have sold out but since they are printed on demand we can get as many as we need. Contact Steve or Chuck if you are interested.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. 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 is on Facebook



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up!

2014 GTR Club Project



The 2014 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 50 Years of Pony Cars. Finish a Pony Car between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me and your 2014 dues will be refunded!



At the April meeting we had another completed club project pony car. John Walzak brought in a very nice Johan AMC Javelin built into a street version with lots of extra detail and in the factory AMC red, white and blue paint scheme.

So get building! Let's get more built project models this year!

April GTR Meeting

The April regular meeting was held Saturday, April 5 at the Algonquin Township Building. Unlike the past two meetings, we experienced nice weather so we had a great turnout. We had to catch up on business. First thing done was that we picked a new president, Joel Peters, who then did the annual IPMS certificate sticker update. We sold off the remaining on hand calendars, we approved a club vendor table at the Attack of the Plastic in July, we approved a trophy package and vendor table at the NIMCON show in July and we discussed the upcoming club display at the Milwaukee NNL.

Finally it was on to Show and Tell and this month there was a lot to see. Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

Gerry Paquette: Revell 56 Chevy mild custom.



Also lots of neat aftermarket wheels and stuff.



Rick Hanna: Rick brought in two projects, his 64 Mercury and his



53 Chevy, both inspired by vintage magazine articles.



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Joel Peters: a 36 Ford hot rod in progress



Steve Jahnke: several new and vintage kits and



this Revell 70 Mustang.



Also the Mobieus 1956 Chrysler 300 which was reviewed on IPMSUSA.org.



Finally an Aoshima Nissan GTR



Jim Brooks: Revell Snap Hummer painted in military camo scheme.



John Walzak: An AMC Javelin and a



IMA Renault 4CV kit, really more 1/20 scale than the advertised 1/24.



Dave Green: more new stuff, along with recent swap finds of vintage IMC kits.



And a project in progress featuring the RMR resin Cobra wagon body



Glenn Synder: A nicely done Model Factory Hiro Alfa Romeo Type 33.



Dave Edgecomb: A Pinto resin 1956 Lancia Ferrari D50 kit and a



Model Factory Hiro Ferrari 312 kit.



Also the 1/18 resin Ferrari Beadbox by Fujimi,



and finally two new kits of the McLaren F1 GTR.



Chuck Herrmann: Tamiya Porsche 934 built into the 1976 Trans Am Championship car driven by George Follmer using Studio 27 decals.



Also the latest status of the in progress Aurora Ferrari 250 glue bomb restoration.



Milwaukee NNL 22

The 2014 Milwaukee NNL, the 22nd annual event hosted by AMG (Auto Modelers Group) was held Saturday April 12 at the same venue as recent years, the Excellence Center in Waukesha, WI. The weather was decent, not affecting the turnout although it seemed to drop 25 degrees just across the Cheddar Curtain! There was another good turnout this year, with 830 model entries on display. There were also a lot on models on the club display tables.

GTR brought up our display, this time it commemorated our club's 15th anniversary.



This year's theme was 50 Years of the Ford Mustang. It was a popular theme, as the photo of the theme table proves.



The Mustang table really filled in later!

There was the usual raffle and Revell also had a display of upcoming new products. *Scale Auto* magazine was on hand taking photographs for the magazine and their website.

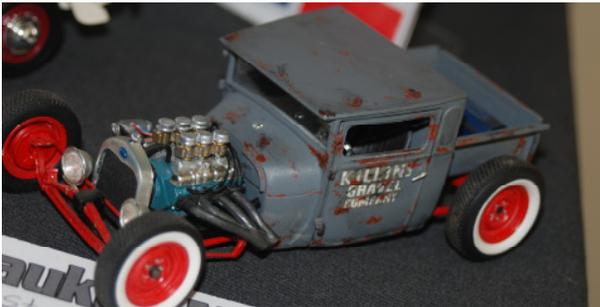




Two 32 Fords



Pinto Resin Mercedes



A LeMans Miniatures Ford Mk IV



Aston Martin in Gulf colors



1/43 Porsche 911 Rally Monte Carlo



Indy Eagle



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Hudson stocker



Porsche 962



Land Speed Record car.



Our own Ed Sexton's 1/24 NASCAR Mercury and a 1/32 Tyrell F1 car and transporter



Euro Style Mustang

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Mustang with a Ferrari engine.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. For 2014, we have been successfully renewed as an IPMS chapter, we had enough National IPMS members but we always can use some more. So we urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org.

The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up, link to it through the IPMS/USA page.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

August 6-9 2014 50th Anniversary
IPMS/USA Nationals at Hampton, VA.
Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri
Kansas City, MO
2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in
Columbus, OH

First Mustang Indy 500 Pace Car 1964

By Chuck Herrmann



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At the February meeting I brought in a completed AMT 1966 Mustang Indy 500 Pace Car. Since the Indy 500 Pace Car in 1966 was actually Mercury, I promised an explanation would appear in a future issue of this newsletter. So since May is Indy month, and the first ever pony car, the Ford Mustang was the Indy 500 pace car fifty years ago, here it is.

At the Wheaton swap meet last year, as I was leaving the show someone put a "This table \$5" sign up so I saw a couple of started and painted kits that I grabbed, including a Mustang convertible, a 1966 in the original annual box, already painted and decaled with the Indy 500 Pace Car markings. By the time I got home something made me think that there was a problem with this, and so I looked it up. Sure enough, the 1966 Indy 500 Pace Car was a red Mercury Comet. The white Mustang was the 1964 pace car. So I thought of stripping it but the paint job and decals, sealed under a clear coat, was pretty nice so it seemed like a shame to undo someone's efforts so I decided to leave it and finish it up. The 64 and 66 Mustangs were not significantly different, the main difference being the front grill, the side trim and the dash

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and interior console. So most people may not even notice. If you want to do a correct 1964 Mustang pace car, Monogram did an accurate convertible kit in 1995, Kit #2456 (and I think there was another later issue) which you should be able to find at swap meets or on line. Recently on eBay they were going for just under \$20.



In doing research for the proper colors for the 64 pace car, I noticed that there were different color combinations in the photos. Some had an all blue interior, some a white top (see the Monogram box top). So I dug a bit deeper.

For 1964 the prestigious honor initially went to Ford for their Galaxie. However, the new Mustang caused such a sensation and was selling so well that Ford wanted to capitalize by also making the Mustang the Indy 500 pace car. Ford prepared three cars for the race, with work done by Holman Moody, with a bigger 289 engine, four speed manual transmission and special shocks. Each of these Mustangs was fitted with grab bars and two-way radios

The problem was that Mustangs were selling so well that it was difficult finding enough convertibles to use for the 35 other cars needed throughout the month for promotional use and as courtesy cars for the 500 festivities. So Ford was forced to scramble and ask local dealers to supply cars. To pacify Indy officials, Ford shipped 35 '64 Galaxie 500 convertibles in March, which were replaced by Mustang convertibles early in May.

The 35 Wimbledon White Mustang convertibles varied in the way they were optioned because many of them were sourced from Ford dealers within a sizable radius around Indianapolis. Each of these convertibles was D-code 289-4V-equipped. Interiors were red, white, or blue vinyl. Some had Cruise-O-Matics while others had four-speeds. Each had the Indy 500 graphics made for Ford by 3M.



The pace cars used in the race were white, with the interior using dark blue carpet and dash with white seats. The convertible top was white, as seen below.



So that is why you see both real and model Mustangs with several different color combinations. Basically the Mustang was selling so well they couldn't get 35 of the same car!

And to further confuse things, there were 190 "replica" pace cars made available to dealers after the race, based on sales performance of the dealers. But these were hardtops, not convertibles.



As I noted, my model was already painted and decaled nicely, so I decided to finish it up even though it was the incorrect year.



The kit appears to be the original issue 1966. It is pretty basic, metal axles with all the chassis details (mufflers, suspension) molded in and the screw holes to screw it into the posts inside the body. There is a small block Ford V-8, I assume the 289, but the metal axle runs right through a huge hole in the oil pan. Which of course was not big enough to use the lower hole for the metal axle to get a better looking ride height so I had to open it up even bigger. I just decided to finish it off box stock as the various fit issues did not merit fixing all the problems. And that kept it vintage.

The white the builder used is not the Wimbledon White Ford color but a gloss bright or pure white, I do not know the decals used but I assume they were by Fred Cady. I did the chassis in flat black and I used the stock wheels in the box wheels in box. After seeing reference photos for the interior blue I couldn't find the right shade on my bench. Then I remembered a box of old paints I bought for a buck at a garage sale, and sure enough there were some old bottles that looked pretty close. For the engine I used Gloss Blue 1111 lightened up with some white. The interior and convertible boot blue was painted with Pactra's XF-8 Flat Insignia Blue (with 35 Cents printed on the cap!). It felt kind of neat to be building a vintage model using paints that were also vintage age.



2014 GTR Summer NNL

7th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Pony Cars

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 3th 2014 from 9:00AM 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/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	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: 50 Years Of Pony Cars	All scales, all types	US, front engine, rear drive Pony Cars. Specifically: Mustang, Camaro, Firebird, Barracuda, Challenger, Javelin, Cougar (RWD only). No Corvettes, AMX, etc. Trophies for Best Street and Racing versions.
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

May 3 HCMA Contest & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Indianapolis IN
Theme: 60 Years of Mustangs
indyhmca@hotmail.com

May 18 NNL North Show and Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall Bloomington MN
Bod Maderich 612-423-2985
www.rpmodelclub.com

May 10 Indy Grand Prix – IndyCars
May 25 Indy 500



May 25 Monaco Grand Prix
Monte Carlo



June 14-15 24 Hours of LeMans, France



July 12 NIMCON III
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
lakesregionmodelers.com/NIMCON

July 13 Attack of the Plastic
Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan WI
Rick Allan 262-728-5003
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August 3 GTR SUMMER NNL 7
Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars
Algonquin Township Building
Crystal Lake, IL
www.gtrchab@yahoo.com

Aug 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Hampton VA
www.ipmsusa.org

Aug 10 TUDOR Sportscars Championship
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

Sep. 28 64th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 1-4 iHobby Expo
Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Oct 11-12 Toledo Swap & NNL

Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted
by IPMS/West Central Missouri
Kansas City, MO

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

