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# GTR

## Newsletter

### September 2014

## 7<sup>th</sup> GTR Summer NNL Coverage

Tim Leicht Memorial  
People's Choice Winner  
Mark Minter's Wagon Master



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# GTR Auto Modelers

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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## MEDIA

Revell Germany now has an on line modeling magazine available through their website at [www.recell.de](http://www.recell.de) (or link from the Revell US page at [www.revell.com](http://www.revell.com)). The first issue of Magazin #01 is up as I write this.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

Revell Germany will celebrate the German World Cup victory with a special edition model airliner in World Cup Champion markings. The Boeing 747-8 "Siegerflieger" (Champions Aircraft) (Kit 01111 in 1/144th scale) is the aircraft in which the newly crowned German football World Champions flew back to Germany on 14 July 2014. Flight number LH 2014 routed direct from Rio de Janeiro to Berlin where the team were given a tumultuous reception by hundreds of thousands of fans.



## Modell Hobby Spiel Leipzig

The Leipzig (Germany) Trade Fair for the hobby industry will be October 3 thru October 5. At the Fair an original Trabant 601 Universal will be transformed into a unique work of art by graffiti artists to mark the fall of the Berlin Wall 25 years ago.

## New Revell US Kits



At our Summer NNL Revell had a display of new kits and some test shots.

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Somewhat surprising to most was the *Starsky and Hutch* 1976 Ford Torino, from the TV show. This is a full detail kit.



There was also the test shot of the Ferrari LaFerrari.



Revell will be doing kits of the new 2015 C7 Corvettes. See our Facebook page for more pix.

**2014 FOURTH QUARTER NEW RELEASES**

**SnapTite** (Build & Play) Easy Assembly

- 85-1686 - Jeep Wrangler Rubicon • 1:25
- 85-1688 - Ford Police Car • 1:25
- 85-1689 - '15 Mustang GT • 1:25
- 85-1690 - Audi R8 • 1:24

**Pre-finished Bodies & Engine Detail**

- 85-4309 - '14 Mustang GT • 1:25
- 85-4310 - '14 Corvette Stingray™ • 1:25
- 85-4317 - '13 Camaro ZL1™ • 1:25
- 85-4358 - '13 Challenger SRT8 • 1:25

**SnapTite** **STARSKY & HUTCH** **STREETRIDERS** **PERFORMANCE**

- 85-1962 - '14 Corvette Stingray™ • 1:25
- 85-4023 - Starsky & Hutch Ford Torino • 1:25
- 85-4311 - Acura Integra • 1:24
- 85-4338 - Porsche 911 Turbo • 1:24
- 85-4333 - VW Rabbit • 1:24
- 85-4337 - '55 Ford Panel Truck • 1:24
- 85-4347 - Buick with figure • 1:25
- 85-4336 - Matt & Debbie Hay Ford T-Bird • 1:25
- 85-4326 - Ford 'T' Street Rod • 1:24
- 85-1285 - Showboat with figure • 1:25
- 85-5868 - F-680 Sabre Dog • 1:48
- 85-5994 - F-4G Phantom • 1:32
- 85-5957 - Phantom P-51D Mustang • 1:32
- 85-7823 - Ontos • 1:32

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## EVENTS

The Meadowdale car show is September 20 and GTR will have our club display, The Wheaton Swap is September 28, GTR will have a club table.

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.

# News

## New Club Shirts



The new 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition club shirts are now available. The shirts look great, thanks Steve for taking care of this. Members who ordered one can pick them up next meeting, we have a few extra too. And thanks to my better half for modeling the shirt!

## GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, September 6 at the Algonquin Township Building. The GTR NNL will be reviewed and plans for the 2015 show discussed. Bring your ideas for possible themes for 2015. We have the new GTR club shirts available to pass out to those who ordered one, also a few extras if you didn't, so bring your money and get your shirt. Cost is \$10 for Tees and \$15 for Polos.

GTR will have a club display table at the Meadowdale car show on September 20. So if you can make it bring along a few built models to put on the club table.

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 Classifieds:

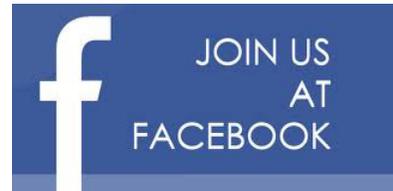
**Wanted:** a 1/24 scale AMC Javelin, to be converted into a slot car body.

Contact: Larry Fulhorst fulhorst30@msn.com

**Wanted:** Rear window for the 1/24 Revell Porsche 924 – prefer the Turbo version but regular will do. Also, need the left front headlight clear piece for the Tamiya Renault A442B.

Contact: Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

## GTR is on Facebook



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

## August GTR Meeting

The August GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, August 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report, during the business portion we discussed the upcoming Meadowdale shows and passed out the new club shirts. Finally we went over some details for the next day's GTR Summer NNL, including setting up for the show after Show and Tell.

Here are some pictures of stuff on display in Show & Tell.

**Steve Jahnke:** Tamiya Porsche 959 in progress



**Dave Green:** out of the box build of the new easy snap Revell 2015 Mustang.





Dave also had the latest Moebius Models release of the 56 Chrysler, vintage 1956 NASCAR



and two new Revell kits along with



another vintage IMC kit for his collection.



**Chuck Herrmann:** 3 "mild" glue bomb finds from the Delavan swap: Tamiya Renault A442B, Lindberg 1957 Jaguar D Type, and an Italeri Mercedes Dakar winner.



**Dave Edgecomb:** Dave had the Aoshima kit of the racing version Lamborghini Murcielago,



plus a Bronco Models 1/35 contemporary military truck kit with lots of pieces!



**John Walczak:** a resin body phantom 69 Camaro



a rebuilt 62 Studebaker,



a Mustang short track stock car, also a



61 Ford modeled after the car he had in HS.



# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL Contest & Swap Meet



The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL was held Sunday August 3 at the Algonquin Township Building in Crystal Lake, IL. By any measure it was a success!



The weather was great, low 80's with no rain so the outdoor vendor Trunk Sale was busy with lots of customers and sellers.



Revell was on hand with test shots and their latest kit announcements.



The contest tables were full. We had 238 entries from 32 modelers, both event records.





1/43 Porsche 908



Sal Tovela USAC stocker



Salt Flats Charger



1957 Ford short track stocker.



Great paint job on a Chrysler 300



Resin Porsche



1968 Indy Eagle



Resin IMSA Ford Probe GTP



# 2014 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL AWARD WINNERS



Above: **Competition Open Wheel** and **Tim Leicht People's Choice Winner** – Mark Minter, Tommy Ivo Wagon Master



**Best Pony Car – Street:** John Walczak  
1970 AMC Javelin



**Best Pony Car – Racing:** David Thibodeau,  
1970 AAR Cuda Trans Am  
Also **Best Competition Closed Wheel**



**Best Out of the Box:** Doug Fisher, Tamiya  
Toyota GT- One LeMans



**Best Commercial:** Bill Wilkinson Peterbilt  
Wrecker





Rick Sheppard: **Best Custom** 1949 Merc above, and **Best Curbside** 1957 Plymouth below.



Dave Roeder  
**Best Military Vehicle:** Willy's Jeep



**Best Motorcycle/Misc:** 1925 Ford Railroad Maintenance Truck.



And Dave also won the **Chris Ducey Best Ford Award**, for the 1925 Ford Railroad Maintenance Truck.



**Best Street:** Gerry Paquette, 1956 Chevy



# 2014 GTR Summer NNL



## Trophy Winners



<u>Category/Sponsored by:</u>	<u>Winner/Model</u>
<u>Best Street</u> Lake Michigan Model Car Club	Gerry Paquette 1956 Chevy Del Ray
<u>Best Custom</u> Mark S. Gustavson	Rick Sheppard 1949 Mercury
<u>Best Competition Open Wheel</u> In Memory of Bill Lastovitch	Mark Minter Tommy Ivo Wagon Master
<u>Best Competition Closed Wheel</u> Gerry Paquette	David Thibodeau 1970 AAR Cuda Trans Am
<u>Best Curbside</u> C.A.R.S. in Miniature	Rick Sheppard 1959 Plymouth Fury
<u>Best Out-of-the Box</u> Walt Fink	Doug Fisher Toyota GT One LeMans
<u>Best Motorcycle/Miscellaneous</u> IPMS/Bong	Dave Roeder 1925 Ford Railroad Truck
<u>Best Commercial</u> GTR Member	Bill Wilkinson Peterbuilt Wrecker
<u>Best Military</u> IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers	Dave Roeder Willys Jeep
<u>Chris Ducey Best Ford Award</u>	Dave Roeder 1925 Ford Railroad Truck
<u>Theme: 60 Years of Pony Cars: Racing</u> Auto Modelers Group	David Thibodeau 70 AAR Cuda Trans Am
<u>Theme: 60 Years of Pony Cars: Street</u> In Memory of Roger Harney	John Walczak 1970 AMC Javelin
<u>Tim Leicht People's Choice Award</u>	Mark Minter Tommy Ivo Wagon Master

**Thanks to all our trophy sponsors!**

**Also thanks to all the raffle donors:**

**Revell-Monogram  
Replicas & Miniatures of Maryland  
George Pritzen, Dave Edgecomb  
Gerry Paquette, Dave Green, Steve Jahnke  
And also anyone else I've missed!**

# Road America IMSA

On August 10 the new TUDOR Sports Car Championship made it first visit to Road America in Elkhart Lake WI since the ALMS and Daytona Prototypes series combined after last year. There were 52 cars entered, 48 made the start so it was good to see the large grid again.

The weather was about perfect, 80 degrees with a slight overcast. The crowd was pretty good, the autograph session and pre-race grid walk were packed. Especially the line for Patrick Dempsey's autograph!



I was able to move around to several vantage points throughout the 2 hour 45 minute race.



The start from the grandstand. The Action Express Daytona prototype wound up the winner.



Corvette and Porsche GTLMs exiting turn 5 accelerating up hill.



Ford Riley prototype



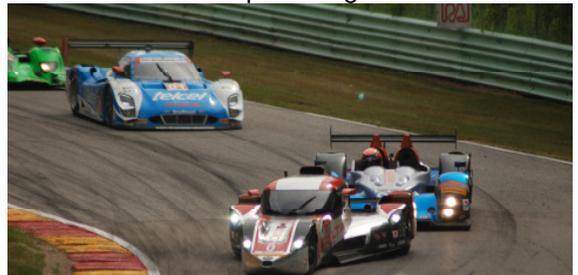
Viper vs. Porsche dice in Turn 5 hairpin.



Patron Honda heading into Turn 6.



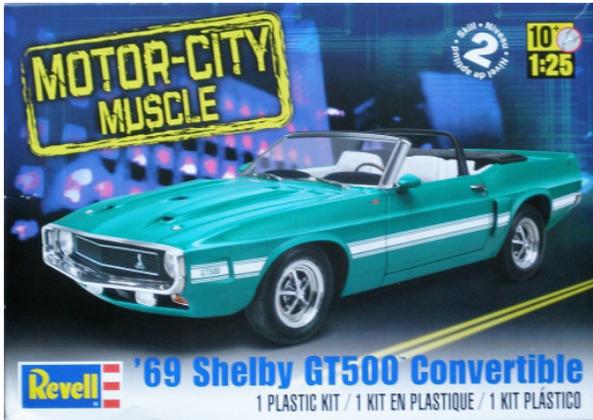
The Ferrari wound up winning GT LM class



Late race Canada Corner action.

There were six yellow flags for about 45 minutes. So the final results show 25 cars on the lead lap! That is more like NASCAR than a sports car race. This included all the GTLM cars, and some Prototype Challenge cars beat bigger prototype cars due to pit stops and lack of green flag racing. It did bunch the field and kept things close.

## Revell's 1969 Shelby GT500 Convertible



**Description:** 1969 Ford Mustang Shelby GT500 Convertible

**Mfg:** Revell      **Kit#:** 85-4025      **Scale:** 1/25  
by Walt Fink, IPMS #2447

Revell has re-issued their Shelby GT500 as a convertible with a new body shell, roll bar, a convertible top which can be modeled up---or down, with an included boot---and also features two options for the engine. The mill can be built stock, or with a set of dual quads and a high-rise manifold. The hood has a scribed, outlined section to cut out in order to accommodate the custom engine option if that's the builder's choice. A set of stock wheels and a set of custom ones are included as well.

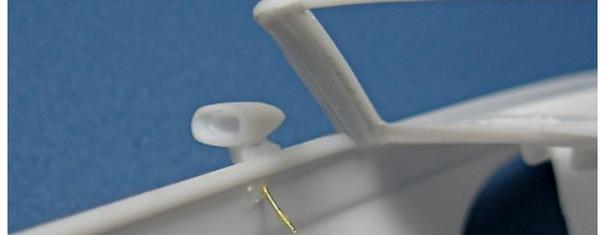
The interior is a one-piece tub, with separate seats and instrument panel/dashboard. Decals are provided for the instrument cluster, plus the wood panels on the doors and the dash.

Construction on the chassis was pretty straightforward with only a couple of minor fit issues with the exhaust pipes. I noted the molded-on lettering on the frame said the kit was originally issued in 1988---I don't know how many of the original fastback kit parts are common with this new issue.

Test-fitting the front fascia to the body revealed some fit issues, so rather than installing it after painting, I opted to glue it to the body, then filled and sanded the resultant seams during the earlier parts of the construction. This resulted in sanding off the front marker lights which I restored after painting (details to follow). I decided to attach the side view mirrors prior to painting, so for strength, I drilled holes and

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inserted brass pins into their bases, using those to mount them to the body.



I elected to try the Testors two-step painting process using rattle cans, which I haven't employed in at least thirty years, preferring my airbrush instead. I sprayed the body with their Grabber Green #28116, and when dry, went back over it with Testors Ultra Gloss Clearcoat #28139.



The paint worked great, but my using spray cans with their resultant big blast and wide plume really stirred up previously-unseen bits of hair and stuff around my workbench and of course, some of it settled in my paint. Sanding and polishing removed the offending flotsam and jetsam, but it was a bit of a problem. Such is the price of being a pet lover with six furry critters, I guess.

When it came time to fit the major parts together, I had some real fit problems with the rear clip and discovered the culprit was the crossover pipe section for the center-mounted exhaust system behind the fuel tank. I figured that couldn't be seen with the rear fascia in place anyway, so I just cut it off. Even at that, the rear fascia had some fit issues with the lower fenders. This could be my own doing and not the kit's, so until I build another one, I'll reserve judgment on that part.

The decal sheet features the Shelby stripes in black, white, and gold; although the instructions don't specify Grabber Green for the body color, nor the white stripes, I liked how the model on the box art looked, so that's what I tried

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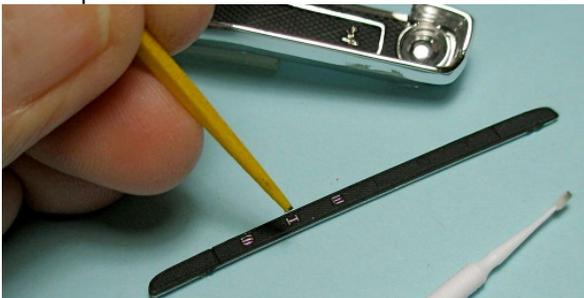
to duplicate. The decals were opaque and worked terrific.

To replace the sanded-off front marker lights (, I cut some from the Model Car Garage etched set MCG-2130 for the 1968 El Camino, snipped off the engine displacement heralds, and glued the lights in place with white glue. Clear yellow was used for the lenses.



As an interesting sidelight, I looked at the box art to make sure I had them in the right place and was mildly surprised to see the builder of that one had apparently gone the same route with the front fascia which I did and sanded them off, but he didn't replace the ones on his model.

The chrome parts are a little on the thick side and some needed trimming to fit. I don't have an original issue of the GT500 kit to compare them with, but I suspect many of the parts are from the same mold as that first issue. To pick out the lettering on the rear spoiler panel and the grille, I sprayed both flat black, then used a toothpick dipped in alcohol to remove the paint from the raised parts of both.



When all was said and done and the chrome parts added, I had some fit issues with the hood's not closing and the grille not matching up very well to the front of the car. Before I mounted the tires, I used Shabo dry transfers to put Goodyear Polyglas lettering on them---just a little decorative artistic license. A final touch was making a radio antenna since there was none in the kit---I used

hypo tubing for that---and adding my customary vanity plate.

The model builds up into a fine replica of Carroll Shelby's genius work and looks great in my case along with other muscle cars.

I appreciate Revell's and IPMS/USA's supplying me with this neat kit to build. Thank you folks.





# GTR Event Calendar

Sep 20 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories Car Show  
Raceway Woods, Carpentersville IL  
[www.mirpa.org](http://www.mirpa.org) mirpa1958@aol.com

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](http://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 [www.ipmswcmo.org](http://www.ipmswcmo.org)  
Justin Carlson 816-256-1310

October 25 Circle City Modelers 20th Annual Contest and Swap Meet  
511 E Thompson Rd, Indianapolis IN, 46227  
Theme: Fabulous Fifties  
Contest: Mike Marshall 317-847-4078 or Steve Shelton 317-504-9664

October 25 NORDICON 2014  
Northern Star Council Boy Scout Camp  
Fort Snelling MN  
[robertmaderich69@hotmail.com](mailto:robertmaderich69@hotmail.com)

Nov 1 IPMS/ Glue Crew 2014  
Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center  
Wausau WI [www.theglucrew.com](http://www.theglucrew.com)

Nov 2 US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Nov 8 IPMS/ Butch O'Hare Annual Contest  
Lakeview Jr. High School  
701 Plainfield Rd.  
John Bishop 630-904-2819

Dec 7 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Model Cars Swap Meet with Model Car Contest  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI  
[www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com)  
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Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

## Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014



**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. The annual chapter renewal process takes place in October, 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org).

The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website was held in August in Hampton, VA, Pictures and reports are now on the website. And the location for the 2016 National Convention was announced, Columbia SC

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Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri  
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