



GTR Newsletter June 2015



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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

INDUSTRY NEWS

While I was in Elmhurst recently, I drove by the former site of Al's Hobbies. Half the block is being demolished, while Al's old storefront is being converted into a real estate office. It looked so sad. So please remember the wise advice:

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP!

If you don't, then don't b*\$^h if you have to go online to order every tube of glue or bottle of paint. Or go to a chain store which carries fewer and fewer supplies and kits.

REAL WORLD

Also while in Elmhurst, at the Elmhurst Art Museum I saw the sign announcing:

Driving in Style: Promo Cars of the 1950s and 60s

February 7 – May 3, 2015

I was there on the last day of the display so I stopped in to see this exhibit of about 40 old late 50's-early 60s promo models, along with some automotive books on display.



The exhibit description was:

The innovative and flamboyant car designs of the 1950s are now iconic. To whet consumers' appetites for the "latest thing," the Big Three American automakers (General Motors, Ford and Chrysler) began to release new models with slightly redesigned features every year. To promote the new vehicles, dealers distributed highly-detailed plastic models or "promos." Like their full-size versions, these colorful miniatures boasted streamlined tail fins and polished chrome grilles, reflections of the period's Space Age design and general prosperity. Given to potential buyers and their children, these salesman's samples are highly collectible today. Lent by Robert Reinhold and John O'Halloran, the promos in EAM's presentation will be on view in the McCormick House, also designed in the 1950s.

While not the biggest display, I always think it is a positive thing when any aspect of our hobby is showcased in such a formal setting. It gives it a sort of legitimacy as a piece of culture, not just some toys collected by adults who never really grew up.

MEDIA

In the latest edition of the on line magazine *Craftsmanship*, Ed Sexton and Revell are featured, GTR, IPMS, myself and Gerry get a mention. The article *Parts and Recreation* is about the current state of plastic modeling.

<http://craftsmanship.net/parts-recreation/>

EVENTS

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



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We had enough, and we have received the official 2015 membership stamp. 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.

IPMS Calendar

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa.org.



Sep 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO
2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia, South Carolina

News

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you wish to buy any.

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



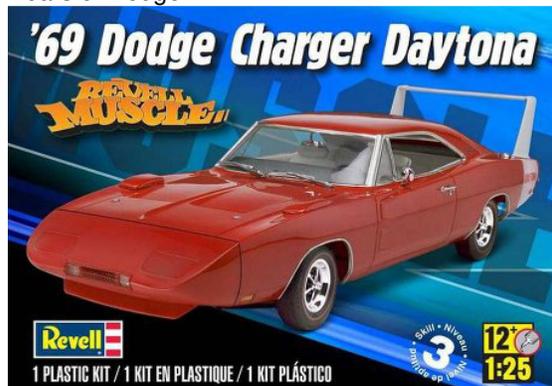
GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.

2015 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

In 2015 GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 2, at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 100 Years of Dodge. We are now accepting trophy sponsorships and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.

2015 GTR Club Project: 100 Years of Dodge

The 2015 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 100 Years of Dodge.



See the inspiration photos above. Finish a model of a Dodge between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me by August 2, 2015 and your 2015 dues will be refunded!



From his new home in Arizona, original GTR member Ron Spannraft sent in photos of his finished 1970 Dodge Coronet USAC stock car, driven by Paul Feldner. Also see cover.

May GTR Meeting

The May GTR regular meeting was held on Saturday, 5/2/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion we went over the Treasury Report, discussed the recent Milwaukee NNL, and talked about other upcoming events. We also talked about the new club T-shirts. Steve Jahnke will move forward with the order, cost will be \$10 to GTR members, let us know if you want one. They should be ready for our NNL

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

Dave Green showed us his completed Dick Landy Dodge Dart drag racer.



Also he had some new acquisitions, including this Jo Han 64 Dodge.



Gerry Paquette had some kits at the meeting.



And he brought in the latest progress update on his club Dodge project car, the Revell 1968 Dart kit to be built as a factory built customer drag racer. Now it is painted and decalated and further along.

Ed Sexton brought this Revell Glitter Bug, a kit designed by Dave Deal.



Steve Jahnke brought in several Woody station wagons in progress and discussed this paint method – see the Tips and Tools article.



Also a Renault R5 police car kit from ESCI.



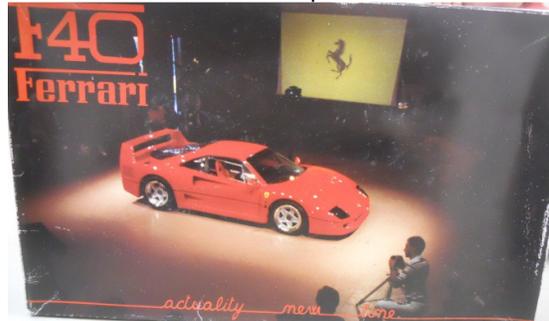
Chuck Herrmann had the latest progress on the Dodge Monaco Joker Goon Car project build,



the new Revell VW Rabbit kit and



a Protar Ferrari F40 recent purchase.



Doug Fisher displayed his club project build,



a Revell Sunoco Ron Fellow Trans Am Camaro. Except it was for the 2014 Pony Car theme! I guess better late than never.

Dave Edgecomb had some kits, including the new Tamiya Mercedes Benz Gull Wing,



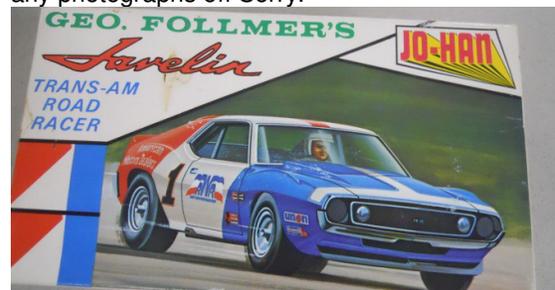
also the Heller 1/24 Bentley Blower and



the HRM Porsche 914 transkit.



John Walczak had a newly purchased vintage Jo-Han AMC Javelin Trans Am racer kit, also a 1972 Cougar which unfortunately I did not take any photographs of! Sorry.



Denise McCluggage

1927-2015



Automotive journalist, racing driver, author, and pioneer, Denise McCluggage passed away May 6.



McCluggage raced in the 1950s and 60s. She won class victories at Sebring and Rally Monte Carlo, and finished fifth at the Watkins Glen Grand Prix of 1960. She also won many women-only races.



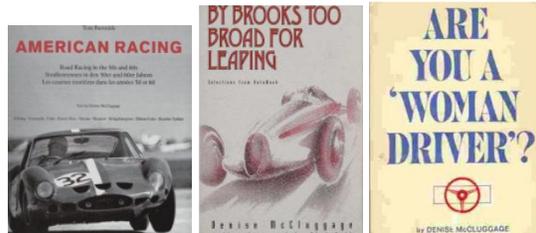
Honors include induction into the Automotive Hall of Fame and the SCCA Hall of Fame, a Ken Purdy Award for Excellence in Automotive Journalism, and the Dean Batchelor Lifetime Achievement Award. She also hung out with Miles Davis and Dave Brubeck and appeared on TV game show "To tell the Truth". She raced with Fangio, Moss, and Hill. Her weekly syndicated column called "Drive, She Said" appeared in some 90 newspapers across the U.S. and Canada. She was the author or contributor of a number of books.



Her trademark was a white helmet with black dots. Her racing achievements included winning the GT category at Sebring in a Ferrari 250 GT in 1961, and she scored a class win in the Monte Carlo Rally in a Ford Falcon in 1964. She also participated in the 1000-km race at the Nürburgring. She drove Porsches, Maseratis and other racing cars of many marques, often with her compatriot Pinkie Rollo. She ended her racing career in the late 1960s and eventually became founding editor of the U.S. automotive magazine *AutoWeek*, where she remained a Senior Contributing Editor until her death.



She was usually in the thick of the action back in the day.



Books by Denise McCluggage



She was also a talented photographer; her work is still available on line. Above is Phil Hill in Havana, Cuba in 1958.

Kit Review: Revell's VW Rabbit



Description: 1974 Volkswagen Rabbit
Mfg: Revell **Kit:**85-4333 **Scale:** 1/24
By: Chuck Herrmann

Subject: The **Volkswagen Golf** was introduced as the next generation replacement for the iconic VW Beetle in 1974. It was a front-wheel drive, front-engine replacement for the air-cooled, rear-engine, rear-wheel drive Beetle, which was phased out due to energy and environmental concerns of the early 70's. Historically, the Golf is Volkswagen's best-selling model and the world's second best-selling model, with more than 29 million built by 2012. The first version is also known as the Mk 1, and it was marketed in the US as the VW Rabbit, (and in Mexico as the Caribe). That is the subject of this all new tooling kit from Revell in 1/24 scale. It was first developed by Revell Germany, released in Europe in Golf and Golf Convertible variants, and now it is repacked for the US market as the Rabbit.

Kit: Revell had not done the Mk1 version; there were later versions by Revell and other kit manufacturers. AMT did a kit of the first generation Golf/Rabbit (and also the Sirocco) but it was a not good kit, especially the chassis and suspension. So this new version was overdue in the market.



The kit comes in the usual current packaging from Revell US, parts are molded in white, chrome and clear with vinyl tires. It is a full detail kit, unlike many of the Japanese kits of the early

Golfs. It can only be built as a street stock version.

Body: The body is one piece with a separate hood. The front and rear fascias are separate, bumpers are not chrome so they would need to be painted aluminum. Windows are separate pieces which attach from the outside. There are separate wipers and door handles

Engine: The kit features a detailed four cylinder engine which assembles into an engine compartment assembly with the inner wheel wells, a bit different design.

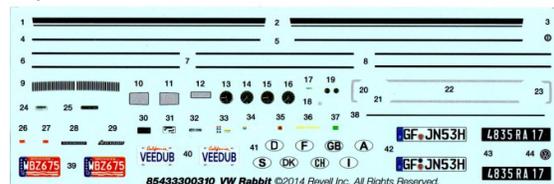
Chassis: One main piece, the before mentioned engine/wheel well tub assembly attaches to the front. The front springs and spindles allow for poseable front wheels.



The kit features the steel wheels, there are chrome dog dish wheel covers.



Interior: The interior builds up into a tub style with separate side panels. There are two dashboards to allow for either right or left hand drive. Gauges are decals. Front seats are two piece stock buckets, and the rear seat is a separate, helpful for racing versions. There is a separate roof liner.



The decal sheet contains body stripes, engine compartment markings, four sets of license plates. and various nationality bumper stickers.

Summary: This looks like a nice kit, much more detailed than the earlier AMT Mk1 Golf/Rabbit. I do not have the Revell Germany kits but I was able to download the instruction seat from the Revell company website for the European spec kit. There are differences for this Rabbit kit, the left and right hand drive interiors, also different shift consoles and shifters. There are separate clear plastic pieces for the side marker lights for the US version. And the dog dish wheel covers are also US version.

VW's Golf Mk1 Crosses the Americas

From Das Auto online magazine

(As owner of 1/1 VW I receive *Das Auto*, their corporate magazine. As I was writing this the new edition showed up into my e-mail box, just in time for a bit of historical perspective).

Forty years ago the new Golf 1 was subjected to its longest endurance test. A team drove more than 9,500 miles down North and South America, from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego, Chile in a car that had just gone into series production.



Alaska



Mexico



Chile

This car would make for an interesting version of this kit.

Tips & Tools

All club members as well as all GTR newsletter and Facebook fans are welcome to submit ideas and photos of tools, products and techniques other car modelers might find of interest.

Wood Finishes

At the May GTR meeting Steve Jahnke brought in several woody wagons he is working on. So

naturally he was asked how he achieves the glossy wood finish on his cars.



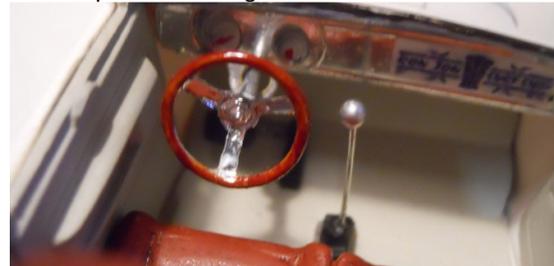
Once the body colors are applied, the wood areas are brush painted with various shades of brown.



Then the brown paint is covered by acrylic clear Orange paint. This allows the brown paint to show through with what appears to be a coat of varnish.



This also is useful for other detail areas. I have used it to replicate wood steering wheels and shifter knobs in interiors. A thinned black wash also helps show the "grain" if it is molded in.



Either Tamiya or Gunze acrylics work fine.



2015 GTR Summer NNL

8th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR
Theme: 50 Years of
Dodge

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Dodges

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 2nd 2015 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 Dodge	All scales, all types	Any vehicle produced by or sold as a Dodge No Plymouths or Chrysler please
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 24 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN



May 30 NIMCON 4
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920



June 13-14 24 Hours of LeMans FR



July 22-25 2014 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbus, OH
www.ipmsusa.org



August 2 GTR Summer NNL 8
Theme: 100 Years of Dodge
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL



Aug 8-9 Road America IMSA Tudor Sports Car
Championship

AUG Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

Sep 27 66th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct. 10 NNL Nationals 36
Toledo NNL Theme: Demolition Derby

Oct 18 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 10 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnson's Conf Center, Wausau WI
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

