



GTR Newsletter

The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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Above is the beautiful new Lamborghini Murcielago ALMS GTS class racer

GTR Auto Modelers

2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

2004 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake

No July Meeting!

Next GTR Meeting: August 21, 2004

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

The Tamiya 1/24 Porsche Carrera GT is due out soon. Scale Motorsports will be doing a detail set for the kit.



The Fujimii new Mini kit is now out in Japan, should be here soon



Media

If you are looking for any missing back issues of the defunct Scale Auto Modeller magazine from England, publisher SAM Publications is offering a deal on remaining back issues still in stock. Cost is five magazines for fifteen dollars, or all remaining issues for \$35 including shipping. See their website for details:

www.sampublications.com, or email them at Mail@sampublications.com

The coverage of Champcar racing on the SPIKE network this year has been pretty lame, and their Trans Am delayed programs are terrible. The only redeeming aspect is the "lifestyle" segments by driver Alex Tagliani's model wife, Bronte. Such as her photo shoot for a men's magazine.....sometimes a distraction helps hide a mess.

Events

The IPMS National Convention will be next month, August 4-7 in Phoenix, AZ

See details on this and other events on the calendar page and our website.

IPMS News

The dues for the national IPMS membership will be going up July 1, to \$25 to cover cost increases.

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, IPMS/Bong Chapter, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

GTR News

There will be no regular July GTR meeting. Due to vacations and other summer activities no officers can make it, so we will skip this month.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (August 2004) issue of the newsletter is July 30.

Tamiya Spray Work Painting Stand Review

By Don Molitor
Cost range \$18.99 - \$20.99



Photo credit: Tamiya America web site

Tamiya has released a multipurpose paint stand that has two turntable style bases in the kit. The first is an adjustable wire tension stand that is perfect for 1/20th through 1/43rd scale cars. The second stand comes with 4 wire clamps that can be inserted into one of the many slots around the outer edge of the stand. There are also several holes in the middle so one could use dowel sticks with clips attached or use the sprue itself.

Upon opening the box my first reaction was, Wow, is this lightweight and spins too freely. I adjusted the multi-position wires to what looked like a good width and attached a Tamiya 1/24th scale Volkswagen bug body to the stand. It held the body very well. I also pulled out some 1/43rd and 1/20th scale bodies. All were securely held by the paint stand after adjusting the wires. My next test was to prove my original thought that the stand was too light. I used

Testors new Lacquer spray and shot primer and color onto the Volkswagen body. To my surprise the stand did not twirl like a pinwheel. I then pulled out my airbrush and raised the air pressure to 30 psi and got the body to spin by shooting directly on a corner of the body. I do not believe this would be a problem in a real painting situation. However you could simply drill a small hole in the base and put a small nail in the hole to stop the spinning if it did become a problem.

In the painting process I ran into two situations that are of some concern but easily fixed. The first problem is the paint stand base is too close to the unit that holds the body. It is very hard to paint up inside of the body. The fix, add a dowel or plastic tube between the base and head unit to give more room between the two parts. The second problem arose when the head unit fell off of the stands base as I was holding it almost upside down and painting the clear on the lower body panels. Make sure you have pressed the head unit on the base securely, I did not. I will be adding a small screw to make sure that never happens again.

The second base is pretty straight forward it holds items by clips or on the sprue. I experienced no problems while painting some small parts while attached to the paint stand.

The big question, is it worth the \$20.00? I wish it were a little heavier and had more height.

I think the tension wire head is a great design. I like the fact it holds several scales with no problems at all. It is better than the coat hanger or wire configurations I have used before.

So I think if you build multiple scales it is worth the money. (I also like gadgets) To some it may seem like a waste of \$20.00 so the decision is do you need a paint stand? If so, I suggest this one with the two small modifications stated above.

Rating

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Poor	Average	Good				Excellent			

Formula Canada Resin Riley & Scott MkIIIc Kit



Subject: Riley & Scott MkIIIc
Kit #:FC2410 Scale: 1/24

Reviewed by Craig Isberg
From the GPMA internet model group

There are not a lot of kits representing ALMS proto-type racers. The recently released Formula Canada Riley & Scott MKIII is one of the few if not the only one available. I purchased the kit so here's a review.....

The resin body is well molded with well defined panel lines, straight louvers and open cooling ducts. Separate body parts included are four front winglets, rear wings and wing support molded in resin. I haven't been able to find many pictures of the real car so I cannot comment on the accuracy of the body but it does look good.

Two photo etch sheets are included with a Gurney strip, tail lights and various screens on one sheet, wing end plates, cockpit diffuser, exhaust flaps, tow hook, rear wing clips, kill switch and body clips on the other.

A separate piece of styrene sheet is provided for the side skirts and mirror supports. The mirrors are also molded in resin.

The chassis plate has the interior compartment, textured seat lower and rear diffusers molded in. The separate exhaust pipes are resin.

The resin interior parts include the top half of the seat, dash panels, steering wheel, various cockpit boxes, shift lever, fire bottle and roll

hoop parts. A full photo-etch racing harness is provided on a separate photo etch sheet.

The multi-spoked wheels are two piece moldings with separate disc brake/calipers molded in resin. The discs are installed between the open spokes and solid wheel backs. The tires are a black rubber like material.

The well printed decals include all the sponsor markings, yellow Goodyear Eagle lettering for the tires and rivet detail for the access panels. A separate sheet includes a large set of Norcold decals for the airbox.

The windscreen and headlight covers are molded in a clear vacu-formed piece.



The two page instruction sheet includes numerous colour photos of the completed model for decal placement on one side and decal, p/e parts identification and building suggestions on the other.

Formula Canada has done it again. The kit is well done with crisp moldings, well defined photo- etch and a lot of small extras needed to build a nice replica.

A must have for any ALMS/IMSA fan.

Editors note: this is the later version of the R&S, from the 2001 season as run by the Dyson team, drivers were Bitch Leitzinger and James Weaver. Formula Canada previously did the earlier R&S, the Dyson team cars from the 1995 and 1996 seasons. Retail cost is about \$100, available from the usual resin kit sources including www.islandcollectibles.com, which is where I obtained the photos above.

2004 IPMS/GTR Calendar

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Civic Plaza Convention Center Phoenix, AZ
Auto Theme: Best Racing Vehicle
www.ipms2004.org

August 5-8 Road America Champcar Race
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 19-22 Road America 500 ALMS Race
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 29 44th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Show: 630 969-1847
Contest: 630 268-0859

September 11 IPMS/Will-Cook The Show 10
Millennium/James Hart Cafetorium
Homewood, IL
Ed Mate obviouschoice@juno.com

September 18 IPMS/Kalamazoo Air Show
Kalamazoo, MI Clare Wentzel
cwentzel@yahoo.com

September 19 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshow.com

September 25 IPMS/Fort Crook (Nebraska)
Mid America Center
Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Cavel 402-493-9669

October 2 IPMS Duneland **CANCELLED**
Willowcreek Middle School **CANCELLED**
Portage, IN **CANCELLED!**
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October 2-4 Toyko Hobby Show

October 9 I CON 4
Hosted by IPMS/Des Moines Hawkeyes
Northwest Comm Center, Des Moines, IA
K. Long klong41@aol.com

October 17 TriState Collectors Toy Show
(formerly Hillside)
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshow.com

October 14-17
iHobby Expo (formerly RCHTA)
Rosemont, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 23 IPMS/Glue Crew
Park Inn & Conference Center
Wausau, WI jdrew@dwave.net

November 13 22nd Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr HS Darien, IL
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December 5 TriState Collectors Toy Show
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)
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? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing



2004 National
Convention
August 4-7
Phoenix, AZ

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Another new ALMS car, this is the Panoz Esperante GT class challenger.

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