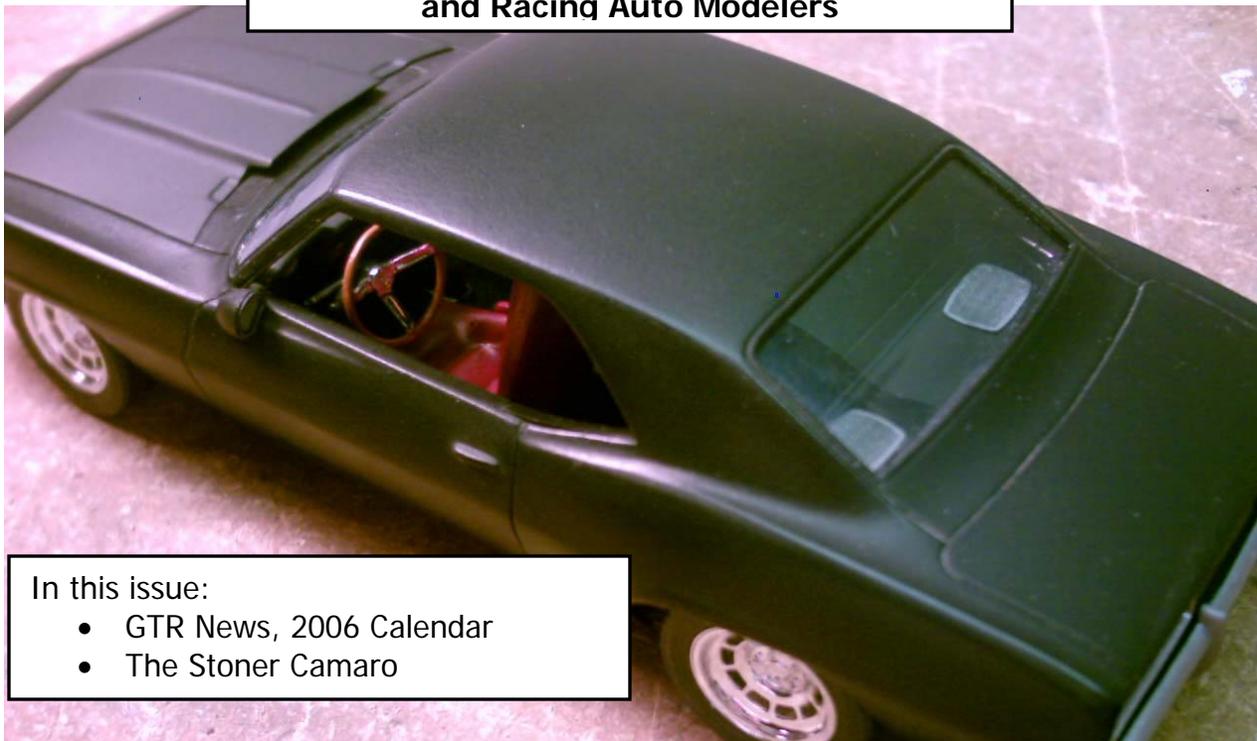




GTR Newsletter

December 2005

The Newsletter of IPMS/Grand Touring
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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2005 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: December 10, 2005

Joint Meeting with CARS in Miniature

Algonquin Township Office

Rt. 14, about 1 mile east of Rt. 31 in Cary

Note Special Date – 2nd Saturday!

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

From the Tamiya website, we see the Ferrari F40 mentioned in last month's newsletter will indeed be a race version. Kit #24284. It will be molded in white and include photo etch parts.



Also from Tamiya, a 2005 Raybrig Honda NSX, from the Super GT series (formerly JTCC), kit #24286.



Finally, they also will release a built up 1/12 scale multi media Porsche Carrera GT, #23206. MSRP is \$747 USD!!



Testors will be releasing some plastic kits again, in 1/25 they will reissue the 69 AMX, 71 Cuda and 71 Comet Pro Street kits by Jo-Han. Also it looks like they will do three version of a 2006 Dodge charger, an R/t, a Daytona R/t and a police Car.

Real World

Honda's FI world speed record



The BAR Honda Grand Prix is going to make an attempt at a world speed record for Formula Grand cars. After being rained out at the Bonneville Salt Flats for this year, they did a test at the Mojave airbase in California.



After taking off most of the wings and aero devices to eliminate drag, driver Alan van de Merwe broke 400 KPH three times to unofficially break the record.



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, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS) Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Also I have received the newsletter from the Upper Peninsula (MI) Scale Modelers.

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

Events:

Last issue I had an incorrect date for the 2006 Milwaukee NNL, the right date is April 22. The Rockford Wheels in Scale club will host the 7th Annual Classic Plastic Contest and Swap on January 29, the theme is Station Wagons.

See the Events calendar for details and for all the events I know of.

GTR News

GTR Update

The December meeting of GTR will be our annual joint meeting with the CARS in Miniature club, at their meeting location at the Algonquin Township offices in Cary. Also, make note that this is on the second Saturday, Dec 10, instead of our usual third Saturday.

Last month, Doug Fisher collected a pile of model kits and hobby supplies from several GTR members and shipped them over to the troops in Iraq. Below is a picture of the donation



Since some additional members have expressed an interest in adding to this noble effort, we collected some more at the November meeting. And I have contacted CARS in Miniature, with whom we will have a joint meeting in December, and they will also

be intersected in donating some stuff. So we will take donations again at the December meeting, from both clubs, and send the pile off to Iraq to provide a bit of diversion for Americans in a difficult situation.

I have submitted our IPMS/USA Chapter renewal paperwork for 2006. Members, please make sure I have your most recent address and IPMS/USA status. We need at least five national IPMS members to renew our charter, so if you have lapsed please consider renewing. If you are not an IPMS/USA member, I encourage you to join the largest national modeling organization in the country. Let me know if you do, or see the IPMS/USA website at:

www.ipmsusa.org

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (January, 2006) issue of the newsletter is January 6. Submissions are ***desperately*** needed.

November GTR Meeting

The November GTR meeting was 11/19/05 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. After mailbag and treasury, we discussed the donations to the troops in Iraq, we also noted that we need to start thinking about new officers for 2006. We especially need a new President and VP, as Tim and John will be stepping down. Anyone who wants to serve in any capacity let me know before the January meeting, where we will pick the new officers. Note that officers do need to be current IPMS/USA members. Also any ideas for club activities or meetings are welcome.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Lots of interesting stuff on the tables, including:

John Schaefer: A scratch built NASCAR hauler semi-trailer, in progress. Also a Revell 2006 Mustang GT in progress.

Ken Zinnen: 1/16 Fujimi Ferrari GT40 with some nice aftermarket photo etch parts. Also a Tameo 1/43 Ferrari 312B Daytona 1970 in progress, and two 1/24 painted Tamiya bobies, a Subaru Impreza WRC car and a Mercedes DTM racer.

George Pritzen: an AMT Pro Shop series 66 Chevy Nova Pro Street, built up with added wiring and details.

Dave Edgecomb: A 1/24 Ferrari 365 kit by Tilt, with Museum Club decals and wheels by replicas and Miniatures of Maryland, also a Ferrari 250 GTO kit by Fujimi.

Chuck Herrmann: three 1960's vintage 1/32 Strombecker slot cars: a Ford J Car, Porsche 906 and a Lotus 19. Also the completed "Stoner Camaro", see the article below.

Stoner Camaro

by Chuck Herrmann

David Stone donated a bunch of half started kits to other GTR members when he moved to North Carolina this past summer. I went through the kits, most of them GTR donated to the CARS in Miniature auction last month as parts, but this Camaro looked salvageable. But in trying to rub out the orange paint I went through the finish. So I decided to go for a retro rat rod look. First I smoothed out the body, and then I sprayed Testors Flat Black out of a rattle can. After it dried, I waxed over the flat black with The Treatment model car wax; it gave it a semi gloss look. But the hood was left flat black.



The bumpers were stripped and painted aluminum. I used the base front grille instead of the RS style, I prefer the round headlights. The interior tub and chassis were already sprayed gloss black, so I left that. I did add some photo etch speaker grille on the rear shelf since it is so visible through the rear window.



I did want to make some modifications so from among the other kits in the pile from Dave I took the wheels and tires from the Revell Astrovette, the seats from the Revell Sting Ray III and the shifter from a Monogram Jeep. I left out the back seat, painted the seats Model Master British Crimson red, and painted some dash details. The wheels and tires were much wider than the kit rolling stock, so I had to

modify the suspension quite a bit to move them inside the body. It's not 100% accurate, but it looks better lowered. The engine was done box stock, the exhausts painted aluminum.

Then I did a little dry brushing of the frame and suspension, and put it all together. The fit of chassis to body on this model is very tight, I had to cut away some of the rear of the chassis to get it to fit.



So thanks, Dave, for getting me motivated on a quick project that I was actually able to finish. Some of the problems with the fit of this kit will help me whenever I finish the Trans Am Sunoco Penske conversion I have had on my workbench for quite some while now. I just picked up a started Fujimi Ferrari 348ts that will be getting the same rat rod treatment.

GTR Classifieds:

Want to trade a Tamiya Ferrari 360 Spider for a Ferrari 360 Modena. Contact:
Les Whitfield - lwhitfield@hotmail.com

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 2-5, 2006 Kansas City, MO

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – TBA – East Region location

GTR Event Calendar

2005

December 4 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show

Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171
unievents@aol.com
(formerly Hillside)
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 11 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI
Joan Dunn 262-646-4114

December 25 Merry Christmas

January 1 Happy New Year

2006

December 31 – January 15 Dakar Rally 2006
Lisbon, Portugal to Dakar, Senegal

January 29 7th Annual Classic Plastic Model Contest and Swap Meet
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken Rock Community Center, Rockford IL
Dan Myers dfmyers@aeroinc.net

January 28-29 Rolex 24 Hours
Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL F
Rolex Grand American Series

January 4 Hope It Don't Snow Show
IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Stewartville Civic Center Stewartville, MN
Ed St. Denis edwardstdenis@msn.com

February 19 NASCAR Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL

February 24-25 IPMS/Pathfinders
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Michael Rechlicz 608-845-7699

February 26 Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL
630-993-0883

March 11-12 Toledo swap and NNL

March 18 Mobil1 Twelve Hours of Sebring
Sebring, Florida American LeMans Series

March 18 LOCON 2006 IPMS/Ft Crook
Mid America Center Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Cavel mcavel@tconl.com

March 26 Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
Kevin Burns kib599@yahoo.com

March 18 11th Annual Show
IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim turek jjtmodel@yahoo.com

March 25 IPMS/Quad Cities
Holiday Inn Convention Center Davenport, IA
Glen Broman grbroman@aol.com

March 25-26 Mall Show/Toy & Farm Expo
IPMS/South Central Modelers
Fairmont Mall Fairmont, MN
Dan Bauer cinderjoe@hotmail.com

April 22 Milwaukee NNL hosted by AMG
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI
Theme: That '70's NNL

April 22 IPMS Plastic Surgeons
Valley Church West Des Moines, IA
Greg Matge gmgha@mchsi.com

May 6 IPMS/Duneland
Willowcreek Middle School
Portage, IN
Ron Fraser rsf2020@comcast.com

August 2-5 IMPS/USA National Convention
Kansas City, KS
www.ipmsusa.org

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing

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