



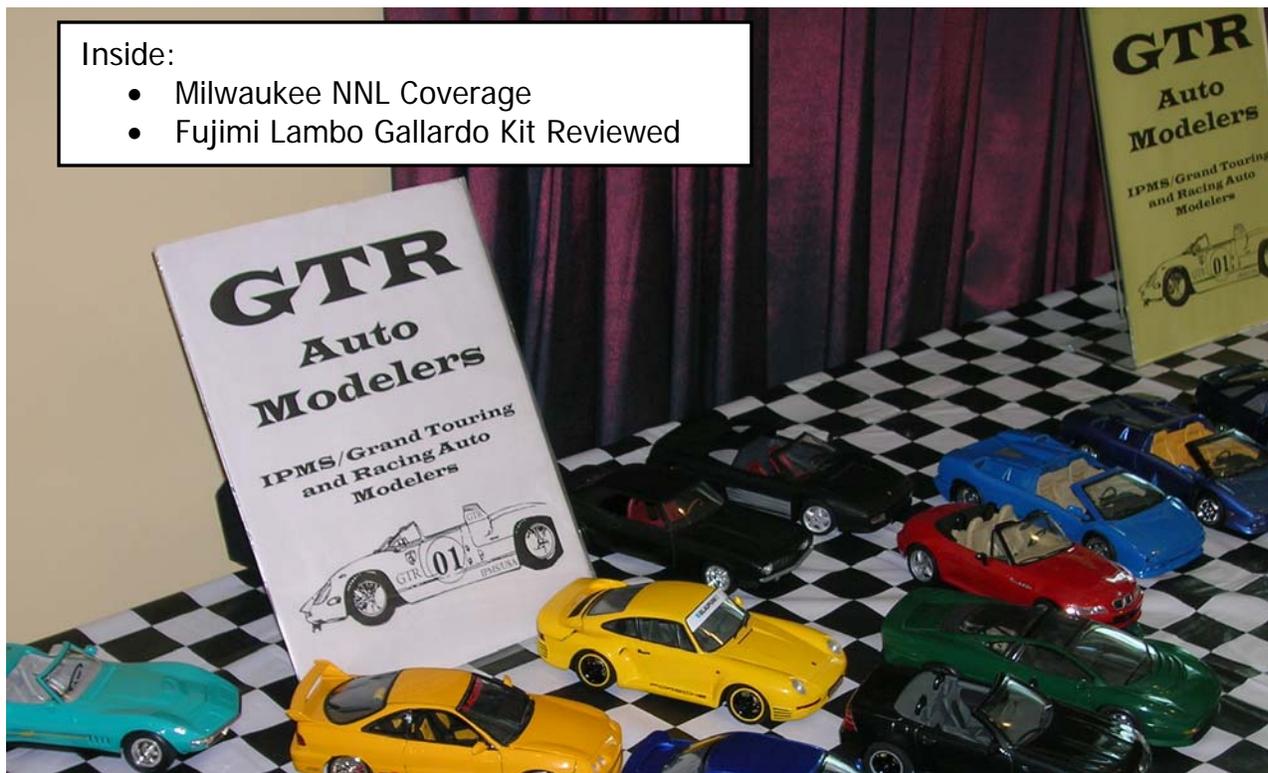
GTR Newsletter

May 2006

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2006 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: May 20, 2006

At the Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176 in Crystal Lake

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Check out the GTR Auto Modelers website at:

www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com

GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

Honda has announced that they will be joining the sports car racing wars in the ALMS in the LMP2 class in 2007 and then moving up to the LMP1 class in 2008 along with an entry at the LeMans 24 Hours. Teams and driver to be announced for the Lexus branded cars.



Hobby Industry News

A resin kit of the Aston Martin DBR9 by Renaissance in 1/24 scale will be available soon.



Also, a transkit to model the 1989 Daytona 24 Hour winning Porsche 962 (based on the Tamiya 962 kits) is now available from mshobbies



Both of these are available from:
www.mshobbies.com

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS), MAMA (Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc), Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Lake Michigan Model Car Club and *Dew Line* from the Upper Peninsula (MI) Scale Modelers.

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

Events



The 2006 Plastic Summer Meltdown event, hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature, Lakes Region Scale Auto Modelers and GTR, has been set for August 20, at the same location as last year, the Algonquin Township Offices in Cary.

The annual iHobby Expo returns to Chicagoland this year after last years show in Los Angeles. The dates are October 19-22 at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The first two days are for the industry people only. It is open to the public on Saturday and Sunday, 10/21-22.

The 32nd Annual Winter Model Car Swap Meet, presented by Milwaukee Miniature Motors will be held December 10 at the Waukesha County Expo Center. There will also be a model car contest this year. One class of special interest to GTR guys is Race Endurance, for LeMans/IMSA racers.

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

IPMS News

Congratulations to IPMS/SPASM from Chicago, who were named the Gil Godfrey Memorial IPMS Region 5 Chapter of the Year.

GTR News

GTR Update

There was no regular GTR meeting in April. Instead we put together a club display at the Milwaukee NNL. See the photos below.

The May meeting will be back at the Fountain of Crystal Lake, on the usual 3rd Saturday, May 20.

2006 dues are still being accepted, cost remains \$15.00. Please pay at the next meeting or mail to Chuck Herrmann. Make checks payable to Chuck Herrmann, not GTR. Last years dues expired March 31.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (June) issue of the newsletter is May 31. Submissions are **always** appreciated.

Milwaukee NNL

The 14th Annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by AMG (Automotive Modelers Group) was held April 22. There was a new location this year, at the Excellence Center, in Waukesha just a few blocks from the old location at the now closed Holiday Inn. The new room was nice, lots of space and with windows. Attendance seemed a bit down from previous years, but it was hard to tell with a bigger room. The quality was high, as always there were a lot of great models on display.



Winnebago Auto Modelers 70's diorama



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The GTR club display



CARS in Miniature's 70's diorama



Revell Monogram's upcoming new releases on display



CARS in Miniature's 70's diorama



CARS in Miniature's 70's diorama



CARS in Miniature's 70's diorama



AMG Club display

The theme of this years event was *That 70's NNL*. The theme table was packed with period models, and two club displays, by Winnebago Auto modelers and CARS in Miniature, featured 70's gas lines as themes. Both these dioramas were great.



Dune buggy by GTR's Ed Sexton



Best 70's theme: Mike Dowd, Reefer Van



Tamiya's latest Ferrari F40 kit built up

GTR was represented by several members, and we had a club display table featuring several member's models.



A nicely done Ed Roth figure



Polar Lights Love Bug updated to the latest movie specs.



Toyota 70's SUV by GTRs Steve Jahnke



Alan Kulwicki Best Stock Car Award: Greg Schmidt and his 1960 Rex White Chevy



McLaren Mk1 in resin by GTR's Ed Sexton



A great resin Ferrari 250

NNL 14 Facts and Award Winners

Attendance was almost 200, with 637 models on display. There were 67 theme models for That 70's NNL.

Best club display: Winnebago Auto Modelers

Best Theme: Mike Dowd, Reefer Van

Alan Kulwicki Best Stock Car Award: Greg Schmidt's 1960 Rex White Chevy

People's choice: Dave Falk, Caterpillar Pipe Layer

Thanks to the AMG guys for hosting a great show. Next years Milwaukee NNL theme is: Hot, Hot, Hot: a Flamin Frenzie (Flames). There will be a sub theme for Fire Apparatus.



Profil 24 resin Pescarolo-Judd

Fujimi's Lamborghini Gallardo Kit

Lamborghini Gallardo E-Gear

Mfg: Fujimi

Kit: 12215 Scale: 1/24

Revised by Paul Johnston

(reprinted from the AMG newsletter)



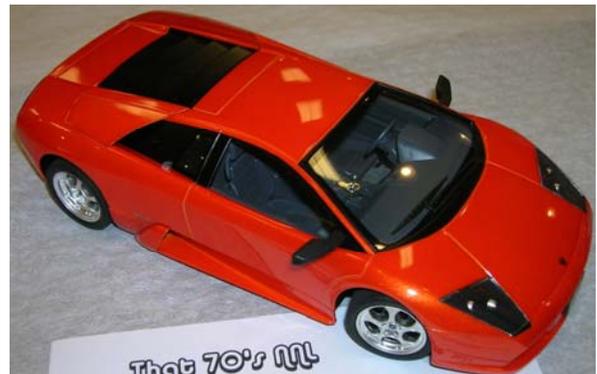
This is Fujimis' 1/24 scale kit of Lamoborghini's Gallardo (ga-yardo). There 100 parts molded in orange, black, clear satin chrome and rubber. The molds are clean with no flash and small mold lines make for an easy clean up, however there are sink marks on the headrests, seat sides, outside mirror stalks and the front and rear bumpers. The rear hod opens to show a simplified V10 engine/gerabox, consisting of a three piece top and a one piece bottom. On the underside there are separate mufflers andexhaust tips



The suspension of this AWD car has no shock/sprig parts, just A arms, brakes with nice detail and posable steering. The interior is wel detailed with separate doors and two part dashboard. This seperation of the parts really helps when painting the interior. The clear parts are bagged seperately and have raised edges in the inside to help paint the black trim.

There were no problems with the fit of the front and rear windows, but test fitting before painting will save your sanity. E-Gear is Lamborghini's version of a paddle shift manual gearbox, but the kit comes with all the interior parts for the stick shift also the parts for a clear engine cover option. I used the Acu-Stion photoetch set, sold seperately. I used the badges, scripts and brake rotor faces, these faces don't fit so they need to be filed down around the brake calipers. The front and rear "beehive" grills are clear plastic on the kit, using the photoetch gril pieces over the clear parts gives more depth to this area.

All in all it's a nice kit and is a welcome addition to my collection.



A completed kit on the Milwaukee NNL display table.

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

May 6 Hoosier Model Car Assoc 26th Annual Swap and Contest
1st Church of Nazarene
Indianapolis, IN
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May 6 IPMS/Duneland
Willowcreek Middle School
Portage, IN
Ron Fraser rsf2020@comcast.com

May 21 Vintage Race weekend
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

May 28 Indianapolis 500

June 10 GMO 8 NNL
Greater Minnesota Open NNL Model Car Exposition
Comfort Inn, Bloomington, MN
jkampmann@comcast.net

June 17-18 24 Hours of LeMans

August 2-5 IPMS/USA National Convention
Hyatt Regency Crown Center
Kansas City, KS
www.IPMSUSA2006.org

August 6 NASCAR Brickyard 400
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

August 20 2nd Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown hosted by:
IPMS/CARS, Lakes Region and GTR
Algonquin Township Offices
Crystal Lake, IL
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August 20 ALMS Road America

September 9 8th Annual Air Zoo Contest
IPMS/W Michigan and Kalamazoo Modelers
Air Zoo Museum, Kalamazoo MI
Clarence Wentzel cewentzel@yahoo.com

September 17 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

September 23 IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians – details TBA

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 19-22 iHobby Expo
Public days Fri/Sat 10/21-22
Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 21 IPMS/Bong Event
Midway Best Western Hotel
Brookfield, WI <http://www.ipmsbong.org>

October 28 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau Inn and Conf Center
Wausau, WI
Joe Drew jdrew@dwave.net

November 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 11 IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr High Darrien, IL

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall
Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 10 32nd Annual Winter Swap Meet and Model Car Contest presented by
Milwaukee Miniature Motors
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeminiautoremotors.com
Contest: Loren Busswitz 414-353-0720

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A 70's Chia van at the NNL

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