



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



**Ron Kohler's 1/32 Ferrari
Can Am Slot Car**

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: August 19, 2006

At the Fountains of Crystal Lake

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Events

This month the summer Wheaton show, along with the Lake Michigan Model Car Club contest, will be August 27 at the usual location, the DuPage County Fairgrounds.



At the IPMS/North Olympic Peninsula (in Washington state) event held in May, a nicely done 1972 Tyrell 004 F1 model, built by Fred Fritz, was named Best of Show. Thanks to Robert Allen of IPMS Seattle for passing this along.



review and pictures of last years events on the GTR website.



The IPMS/USA Nationals were held earlier this month, August 3-6, in Kansas City. For those who have not been to a National, this is a huge event, thousands of models in the contest, "the world's largest hobby shop" vendor area, seminars and other events. Some last minute changes to my vacation did not allow us to get to the Nationals, but reports are that all went well and it was a good show.

Here are some photos from the IPMS website:



The 2006 Plastic Summer Meltdown event, hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature and GTR, will be this month, August 20, at the same location as last year, the Algonquin Township Offices in Cary. There will be indoor swap tables as well as the outside "trunk sale". The event is an NNL style exhibition. All GTR members are asked to support the event, if you can help out contact me or Steve Jahnke. Check out the



The numbers I saw were over 700 entrants and 2,031 model entries. I don't have all the results as I go to press but chapter of the year was IPMS/Fresno Scale Modelers, and newsletter of the year was "Battlewagon" by IPMS/Bay Colony Historical Modelers (MA). The 2008 National Convention was awarded to Virginia Beach. In 2009 it will be in the central region of the country.

There will be an IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention in 2007 (this year there none since the KC Nationals were in the region). It will be hosted by IPMS/Spasm in the Chicago area (Ottawa), June 8-9, 2007.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anahiem, CA

2008 – Viginia Beach, VA

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

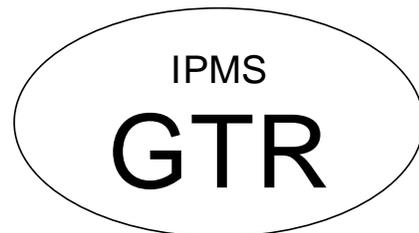
Real World Chinese Company to Build British Cars in Oklahoma!

From www.speedtv.com - Showing that globalization truly can't be stopped, Chinese automaker Nanjing Automotive has announced that it will split the revival of the historic MG brand of British sports cars between the firm's old factory in Longbridge, England and a new plant in the United States.



A press conference in Oklahoma confirmed that a new factory in the town of Ardmore will employ 500 people building a hardtop coupe version of the MG TF. Only the convertible MG TF roadster will be built in Longbridge. Nanjing also says it intends to build three sedan models in China.

The news that production of the coupe is being taken to the USA - and the fact that a large chunk of the \$2 billion funding for the project is coming from government and state grants - came as a blow to the unemployed MG/Rover workforce in the UK. Nanjing has also confirmed that its research and development center will be based in Ardmore.



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GTR Update

The August meeting will be at the Fountain of Crystal Lake, on the usual 3rd Saturday, August 19.

At the June meeting we discussed a possible club project kit, maybe the new Revell 1/12 chopper bikes which should be on the store shelves any time now. Previous club projects have lead to slim participation. Members should think about this and let me know or bring your ideas to the next meeting.

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), 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.

July GTR Meeting

The July regular GTR meeting was held at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on July 15. After the treasury and business updates, Ed gave a recap of the Redman Challenge races at Road America that he attended earlier that day.



Then we moved on to Show and Tell. Among the stuff on display:

Dave Edgecomb: 1/18 Camaro diecast by classiccollectibles, the Australia 72 Touring Car champ, also three 1/32 slot cars, a SCX Aston Martin DBR9, Slotter Ferrari 312, and a Carrera 06 Corvette racer.



Ed Sexton: ESCI BMW M1 with aftermarket decals, and the book *Corvette Thunder* on Vette racing history



Chuck Herrmann: Mitsui VW Golf, Heller Citroen 2CV, Airfix/Heller Peugeot 905, AMT 66 Mustang Trans Am racer in progress



Steve Jahnke: a painted Corvette Callaway body using Cobra Colors, and a die cast Pontiac drifter.



Tim Leicht: Revell AG 1/32 VW Toureg Dakar racer, weathered per his newsletter article of a few months back. And, a Tamiya McLaren F1 in progress.



Quick Review: AMT 1966 Ford Fairlane

By Al Jones IPMS/Bong



Ron Kohler: a detailed out 1/18 diecast Cobra, a 1/25 Dodge Challenger, and lots of nice 1/32 slot cars, including some resin body conversions like a Ferrari Can-Am and 250LM, a Lotus 30, Ford Mk IV, Chaparral 2F and many more



My latest modeling effort was AMT's 1/25th scale '66 Fairlane 427. It replicates a Factory light weight racer. It was built right OOTB (out of the box). The paint was Testors' Arctic Ice Blue (they came from the factory in white only). Nice kit; no warps; thick clear parts.

Engine block is one piece . . . very nice. Major complaint:: sprue gates on plated parts . . . very bad.



Road Trip: The Unser Museum Albuquerque, New Mexico

By Chuck Herrmann

While on my recent vacation, I visited the new Unser Racing Museum, in Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, about a mile east of the Rio Grande River. This is a museum dedicated to the heritage of the Unser racing family, who were residents of Albuquerque. The four generations of racing Unseres have made history with their great success at the Pikes Peak Hillclimb and the Indy 500.



The nice new building has five wings, four of which feature different aspects of the Unser family racing history, and one is a changing special exhibit. There is also a gift

shop, and video screens playing Indy, Pikes Peak and Unser features.

The 1971 Indy winner, the Johnny Lightning car of Al Unser, is on a rotating display as you enter. The 1968 Rislone Indy Offy winner of Bobby Unser is in the first wing.



There are several dirt champ cars and sprint cars, as well as some Pikes Peak racers.



There are also some of the earlier everyday vehicles from the original Unser auto business that the family set up when they migrated to the area in the 30's.

GTR Event Calendar

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 12 15th National Microcar and Minicar
Club Meet
100 S Main St. Crystal Lake, IL
Ken Weger 815-459-5005
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August 20 ALMS Road America

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 27 48th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show:
swap and contest
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

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

September 16 IPMS/Gateway Event
First Baptist Church, St Charles MO
314-645-1117 CRM@inlink.com

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

September 23 Nordic Con
IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
South St Paul Minincipal Airport (Fleming Field)
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

September 23-24 Road America Champ Car
Elkhart Lake, WI

October 7 ICON6 by IPMS DesMoines Hawkeye
Modelers
Urbandale Senior Citizen Center, Urbandale, IA

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 14 Hobbytown USA Oshkosh
Fall Model Contest 10:30 – 4:00

October 19-22 iHobby Expo
Public days Sat/Sun 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 4 Lake 2 Lake Modelers 13th Annual
Swap Meet 9:00-2:00
Butch's opera House, Nazianz, WI

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

November 11 IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr High Darrien, IL
Marco Fernandez mfchi@sbcglobal.net

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Park Place of Contryside 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.milwaukeminaturemotors.com
Contest: Loren Busswitz 414-353-0720

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