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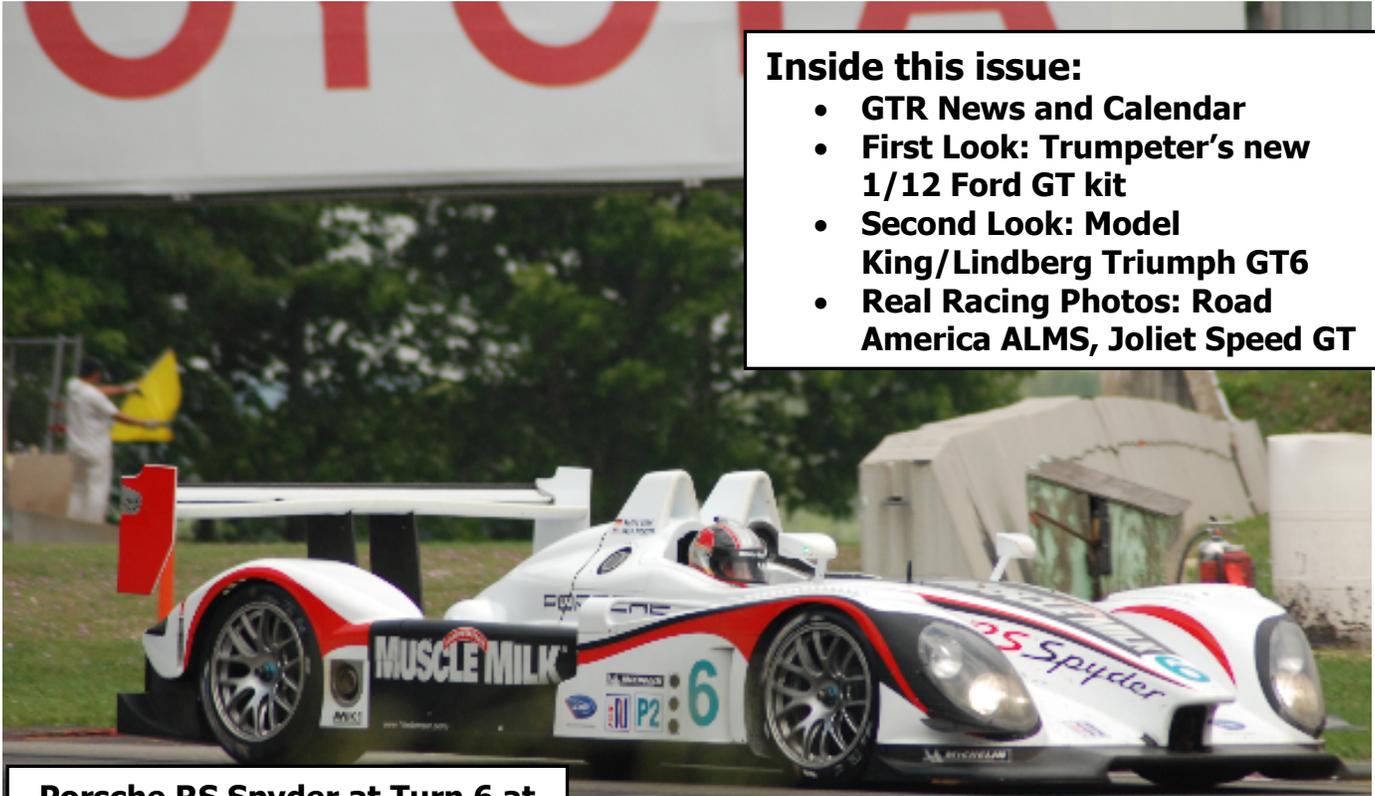
Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry News

Tamiya Parts Panel



Tamiya is releasing a series of Parts Panel which is a framed kit. Every detail of these kits has been carefully displayed on this wonderfully designed panel. The panel has a wooden frame and an acrylic cover which beautifully matches its contents. Adding to the quality finish of the panel is its aluminum nameplate. A unique serial number is placed on the back of each panel. The first subjects are Ferrari's, the Enzo and the Ferrari FXX in different colors. A bit pricey, the FXX is \$1,009 USD!

Also Tamiya will reissue their 1/12 Porsche 910.

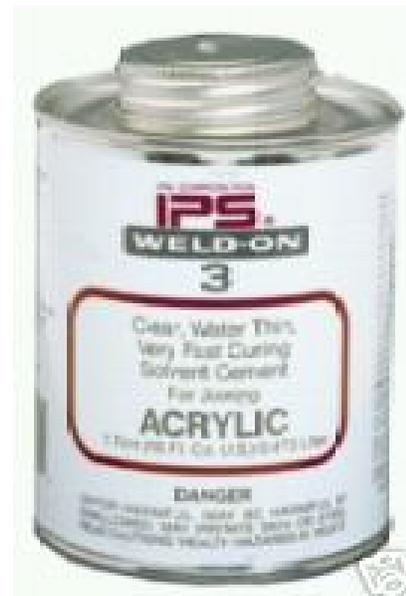


Kit #12041 should be available sometime in September.

A NEW WAY TO GLUE STYRENE

While lamenting the demise of Tenax7R (most hobby sites have discontinued selling it) I have found a new alternative AND it's a lot cheaper! IPS Industries makes adhesives for many applications. Weld On #3 is labeled as acrylic cement. However, the product description on their website says it can be used for styrene

and abs plastic as well. So, I bought some. This stuff is exactly the same as Tenax7R. The MSDS sheet shows it as a mix of MEK (methyl ethyl ketone) and Acetone, the same as Tenax. However the price is GREAT! You can buy a pint for \$15. That's 16 bottles of Tenax that sells for \$3.95 a bottle, \$63.00 worth, for \$15.



I have tried it and it works exactly the same way, and yes if you leave it open overnight it will evaporate as well, same as Tenax (transferred mine to a bottle and what was left in the can disappeared in an hour) Just thought I'd pass this along to my fellow modelers.

Tim Leicht

Venture Hobbies Now Don's Hobbies

The Venture Hobby shop in Wheeling, which was recently shuttered for a while, has reopened under new management. Actually old management, former owner Don Phillips has reopened it as Don's Hobbies. Phone 847-537-8669. Good luck, hopefully it remains open and their issues are resolved and we get the old Venture Hobby back, it was always one of the best shops in the area.

Mattel Announces Partnership with the IRL

Mattel has announced they have a four year deal with the Indy Racing League to produce Hot Wheel replicas of the current IRL cars. This will include 1/64 Hot Wheels as well as 1/24 scale die casts of some of the major teams and drivers.

Check out www.mattel.com to see the planned releases.

Events

Meadowdale Remembered:

1st Annual Classic Car Event

Raceway Woods – Rte. 31, Carpentersville, IL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH 2009

rain date Sunday, September 20th

Registration 8 – 10AM - Car Event 10AM – 4PM

The inaugural car event of the Meadowdale International Raceway Preservation Association will showcase the Meister Brauser racing team, which will be celebrating their 50th anniversary reunion. Planning to attend from the Meister Brauser team are team owner and driver Harry Heuer, drivers Augie Pabst, Don Devine and Bill Wuesthoff and crew members.

Tom Stephani of the Nickey Chevrolet family plans to show the famous Dan Blockers Nickey Vinegaroon MK10 Genie USRRC / CanAm sportscar. Don Devine will be showing his continuation Scarab. There will be many other race and street cars of the day.

For more information or to showcase your car, car club or to volunteer with the car event; Please contact MIRPA at:

www.mirpa.org

In the past several newsletters I had the date for the Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Scale Model Show in Wauksha listed as December 20. It is actually going to be held December 6 at the Waukesha County Expo Center.

The fall Wheaton swap at the Du Page County fairgrounds will be September 27

See the events calendar for details and for all of the events that I know of. I will continue to add 2009 events; if any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

IPMS USA National Convention

The 2009 IPMS/USA National Convention was held in Columbus, Ohio August 19-22. There were about 1,050 registrants and about 2,500 models. Check out the website for info and pictures at:

www.ipmsusa.org

The Fort Crook Chapter was the sole bidder for the 2011 IPMS/USA National Convention. They will be hosting it in Omaha Nebraska. The 201 Convention will be in Phoenix, AZ.



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For more photos from our 2009 GTR Summer NNL in August, see the following link to Bill Crittendon's [CarsAndRacingStuff.com](http://carsandracingstuff.com):

http://carsandracingstuff.com/library/s/summernnl_2009photos01.php

Watch for the GTR Website to have the results and photos soon, sorry for the delay.

GTR Update

The next meeting is September 19 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. We have the new GTR T-Shirts available for members who ordered one, cost is \$9. If you haven't gotten yours by the meeting you can do so there. If you did not let me know that you wanted a shirt, We ordered some extras but most are gone. I have three XL shirts left, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one.

Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meetings or contact me.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We will be going through our annual IPMS chapter renewal process next month. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew. If you could join IPMS it will help out the club and

the hobby. I 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, or see me for membership forms.

August GTR Meeting

The regular August meeting was held at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on August 15. For the business portion we went over the results of the GTR Summer NNL and the treasury report.

Then it was on the Show and Tell. Here are some photos of the stuff on the table:

Steve Jahnke: Lindberg 1964 Dodge,



Monogram ZZ Top 34 Ford



and a Revell Germany Ferrari 250 GTP kit.

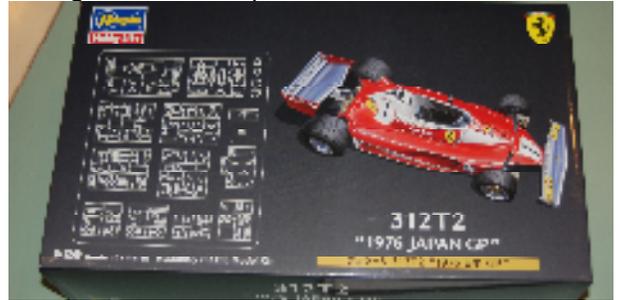


Dave Edgecombe: A 1/18 Rothmans Porsche 956 die cast being corrected with accurate tobacco decals, and three Ferrari kits:



Monogram 275P, Academy 250 LM and the new

Hasagawa 312T2 Japan 1976.



Chuck Herrmann: The Model King/Lindberg Triumph GT6 in process, a completed (salvaged from a \$1 swap meet glue bomb) Revell late 60's Porsche 911,



and Revell's Robin's Redbird 1/12 motorcycle.



GTR Classifieds

For Sale: Selling Off Collection

Over 300 Plastic Kits: Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasagawa, Revell/Monogram, MPC, AMT and more 1/18th Diecast : Exoto, CMC, Auto Art, GMP, Minichamps, NASCAR, etc.

Resin Kits: Fisher, Renaissance, LeMans Miniatures, Profil 24, CMA, Scale Designs.

Most kits new, some slightly started, mostly race cars and exotics, ASA, Formula 1's. Also many slot cars.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, 815-566-2339 or jedgco@hotmail.com

Wanted: 1/24 or 1/25 Surfboards – need several.
Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

Wanted: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version
Les Whitfield whitfield1@yahoo.com

First Look: 1/12 Ford GT Mk II Kit by Trumpeter

Kit: Ford GT 40 MkII

Mfg; Trumpeter Kit #: 5403

Scale: 1/12 MSRP \$269

By Tim Leicht



The new Trumpeter's here! The new Trumpeter's here! I've been reading that all over the Internet for the last month. Well, I got one. Now I'd like to submit my intro review about this much anticipated kit that was the test shot hit of last year's National Hobby Show in Rosemont.

Note: This subject of the kit is the 1966 Le Mans 24 Hours winning car, driven by Bruce McLaren and Chris Amon. Ed.



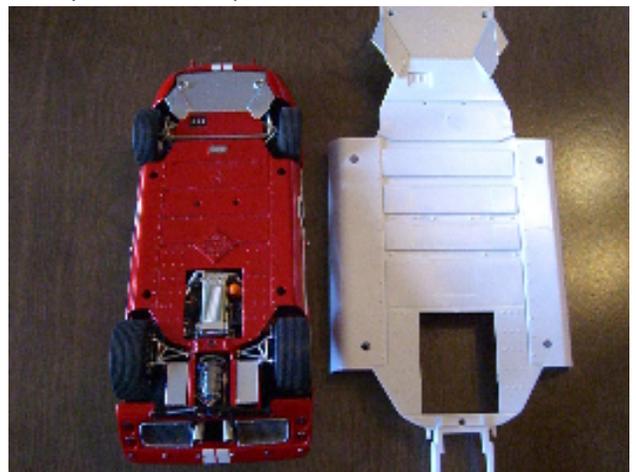
First, a little history about Trumpeter. They are known for making some of the nicest military kits out there, with literally hundreds of choices from planes, to tanks, to guns, etc. Oddly enough, it is rumored that the company is actually owned by the Chinese army, as are many other corporations in China. Their first foray in car kits was a Chinese limousine, the type that government officials are chauffeured around in. Then came the Chevy Nova and the Pontiac made in collaboration with Stevens International of the USA. There was a HUGE uproar over the satin chrome plating on one of those kits, to the point that Stevens offered free chrome

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replacement parts for the pricey kit to make it right. Well, the test shot of the GT40 was also at Stevens booth last year, also touted as a collaborated kit with Stevens. So, here we go again. Now, on to the kit.

The BIG box is filled to the brim with parts trees and photo-etch pieces, and hardware. The body is nicely packaged in its own box, along with another box with artwork just on it for the tires and logos. I'll get to them later. All sprues are separately wrapped in sealed bags. The wheels are pre-painted, along with some odd sheet metal portions of some of the other parts.

So, I'm sitting here staring at this kit body and I can't help but think to myself "I've seen this before". So I go down to the plastic addict vault and dig out my Fujimi 1/24 GT40 and take a look. No, that's not it. Then, I go to my diecast cabinets and get out my Exoto 1/18 GT40 and get it out. Bingo! I turn over the car and look at the mounting holes and look at the bottom of the Trumpeter chassis plate and VOILA! The holes are in exactly the same place! It's as if they cloned that car into this kit! (See photo) Somewhere in China, there is a cad file I'm sure, at the company who made Exoto's car. Now I know what the biggest influence was when Trumpeter tooled up their kit.



The kit body is nicely molded with minor mold marks and little flash marks. The doors open, and front and rear body parts open. They nailed the subtle differences in the front fender curves between the Mark II and other GT40's. This will clean up and paint very easily. I'm sure someone is already working on aftermarket decals to make other versions of this car. The rear photo-etch grilles are nice, but the surround molded in plastic is way too thick. It's also chrome plated. All of the other photo etch body covers are nicely done and are carbon copies of the Exoto car. By the way, the REAL 1966 Lemans winner is chassis #P/1046. According to Ronny Spain's book *GT40*, The car is currently owned by George

Stauffer of Wisconsin. It was Shelby's main test mule after it won Lemans and then was shipped to Holman and Moody for the same purpose. Six owners later, it belongs to Stauffer.

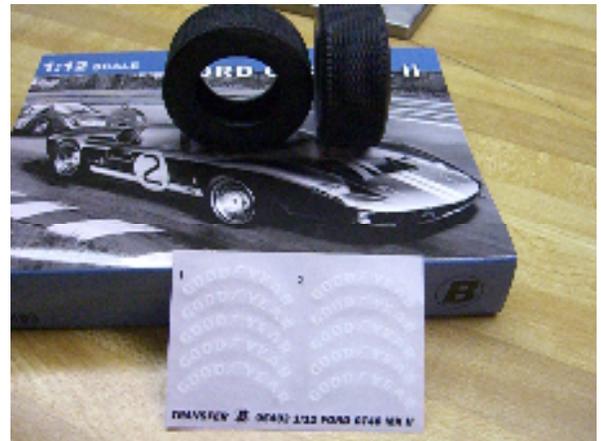
Now, on to the engine/transaxle. Here's where it gets interesting. The unit is a two piece upper and lower engine/transaxle that is painted gold, with the transaxle painted gunmetal. BUT, the sides of the block, the front engine cover, the pulley/alternator assembly, and the transaxle back cover and carburetor are separate pieces and chrome plated! HUH? And the pulley, alternator/belt assembly is way wrong, along with the valve covers, and there is no oil filter or plumbing. Oh, and there is no distributor! Yeah, a \$200 kit with no distributor on the engine. Oh, and coincidentally, the Exoto die cast doesn't have one either, just spark plug wires to nowhere. HHHMMMMM! Well, at least Trumpeter gave you \$200 worth of chrome plating this time. Problem is, about 75% of all the chrome parts need to be stripped. Heck, one whole sprue could be dipped in Westly's right out of the box! Needless to say Trumpeter and Stevens were asleep at the wheel on this part of the kit.

Suspension parts include working shocks with real coil springs. The shocks are nice, but all of the control arms and sway links are way too thick with giant loops at either end to clip to each other. The driveshafts are toy like with no moving parts like u-joints. Too bad Trumpeter couldn't go out and buy an old 1/12 Tamiya F1 kit and measure their arms and use their driveshaft designs with separate u-joints. That would make this kit much nicer! The brake calipers are non descript and the discs are nicely made two piece designs with vents but, they have some totally wrong big grooves molded into them, again toy like.



Wheels are the nicest Halibrands I've seen and separate metal valve stems are in the hardware bag. Tires? Well, where do I start? They are rubber, I think, not vinyl. They have all the right Goodyear Blue Streak tread marks and lettering except for one thing. There are no Goodyear letters on the tires, and no blue stripes

to put on the tires. They did include some big honkin' wrong Goodyear white transfer logos for the tires that are way too big. Aftermarket, are you listening? Here's an opportunity for you! The knock offs for the wheels look pretty close to scale.



The interior has a nicely done dash, with decals provided for the gauges. The seats, well again, they are just plain WRONG. The rivet details on the seats are way too small, and they should have holes in them. Also there is a gell cell battery to be mounted on the floor. I don't think gell cell batteries were around in 1966. Just a thought..... The Exoto has one too. HHHMMMMM! Fabric belts with photoetch buckles are provided in the hardware bag. All the glass is nicely done but, there is no relief on the glass as to where to black out the edges. The steering wheel is a two piece affair with a small diameter steel shaft going down to a pinion gear to meet up with a rack with some teeth on it. Very Bburago diecast like.

OK, I'm done beating this horse. I was really anticipating the arrival of this kit. But now, I am disappointed in so many ways, it's gonna be hard to want to build this kit. It has some really nice features but it also has some really bad ones. If you want a nice shelf model of this car, buy it and build it. If you want a fully detailed scale rendition of this car, keep looking. You haven't found it yet unless some aftermarket guy wants to tool up a LOT of parts to correct all the flaws of this kit. Stevens, you should be taken out to the wood shed and taken to task for this kit. A lot of the nasty stuff in this kit could have been easily corrected before production. I give this kit a C+ for it's nice body molding and poor engine bay and suspension detail. Somewhere along, I think you will see a built diecast version of this kit very soon using the same molds.

Second Look: Lindberg/Model KingTriumph GT6+

Kit: 1969 Triumph GT6+

Kit #:95777 **Scale:** 1/25

MSRP \$ 22.95

By Chuck Herrmann



Last month I presented the first look at this kit. Since then I have learned more about it and have started building it so I wanted to update our readers.

Apparently this is based on the old Pyro mold, which explains the multi piece body assembly. But there is a large Lindberg logo stamped onto the bottom of the floor pan. Once I heard it was a Pyro kit I hesitated to build it, fearing a difficult time but I decided to press on.



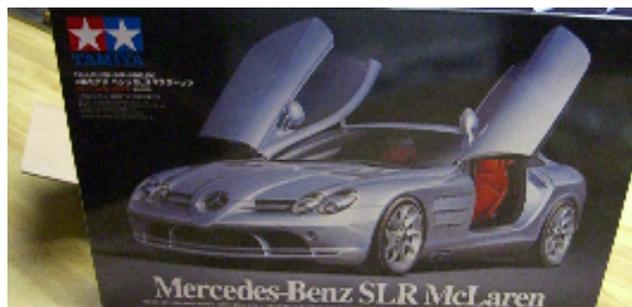
The front body is three pieces, the two fenders and hood, it went together ok but did need a bit of filling and sanding. However, the main flaw with this kit is the front window – the opening is way too small, the A pillars would be about a foot wide! This will require enlarging it, the trick then will be to find something to use for the clear windshield. But I just could not leave that tiny window.



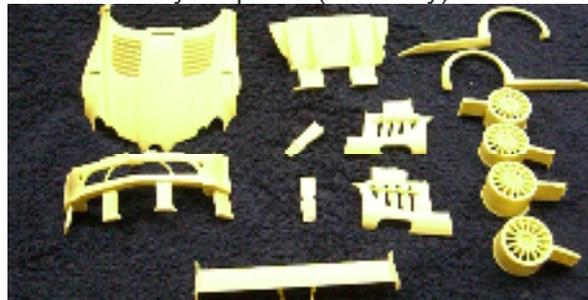
On my example, when I glued the roof to the rear fenders, there was a large gap on the lower left. I was able to fill the gap. But the taillights on this car are not separate pieces, they are molded in blobs (see picture) so I chopped them off and will find something from the parts box.

Assuming I continue I will update this saga later. I am not suggesting that is an unbuildable kit, just be aware that it will take a lot of work to make it presentable. But isn't that the challenge of modeling?

Mercedes SLR Race Car Transkit



There is a transkit by Meko Models Japan for the 1:24 Scale McLaren-Benz SLR 722 GT race car to be used in conjunction with the Tamiya kit. Tim Leicht sends this photo of his recently acquired (via EBay) set.



A version of the real thing raced locally at the Speed GT event held July 24 at the Autobahn Country Club circuit in Joliet, IL. GTR's Tim was there and sends us these photos.

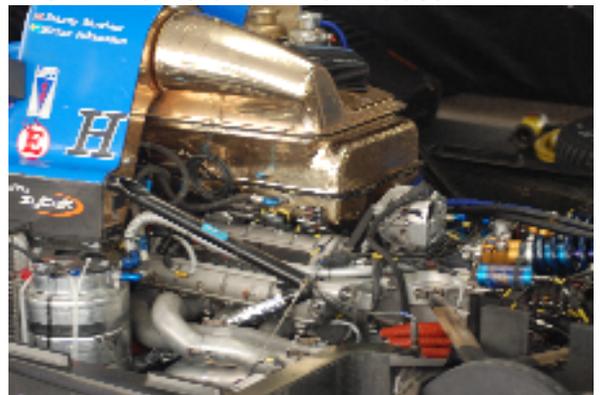
The transkit does not provide these markings but they do provide the pieces to convert the street car to a race version.



Ferrari 430 GT2 class racer.



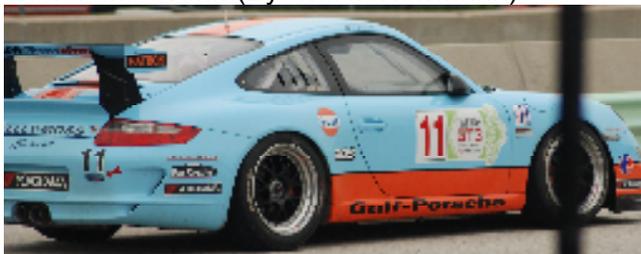
The BMWs were 1-2 in GT2 class.



Engine detail from the Ginetta-Zytek 09SH Zyt, a hybrid P1 class entry.

Road America ALMS Race

The IMSA American LeMans Series returned to Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI on August 16. Below are some photos I took at the event. (By Chuck Herrmann)



A Porsche GT3 Challenge car in classic Gulf colors leaves the grid.



The winning P1 class Accura of Scott Sharp and David Brabham.

Below: The new Corvette GT2 class racer.



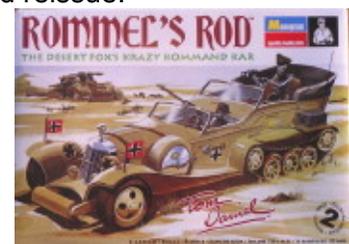
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GT2 class action in Turn 6.

Late news: As I save off this issue, word comes that the Canadian GP will be back on the calendar for 2010. Good news for North American F1 fans, if true.

Coming next month: First look at the Rommel's Rod reissue!



GTR 2009 Event

Sept 12 Gateway to the West Invitation Model Contest and Swap (IPMS/Gateway (St Louis) Hitters Choice Batting Cage Eureka, MO
<http://ipms-gateway.com>

Sept 19 1st Annual Classic Car Event
Meadowdale Intl. Raceway Preservation Assoc
Raceway Woods – Rte. 31, Carpentersville, IL
Please contact MIRPA at : www.mirpa.org

Sept 19 Hawkeye Modelers I-Con 09
Point of Grace Church
Waukee, Iowa 50263
Kevin Iutzeler iatrekker@mchsi.com

Sept 19 Noricon 2009
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
North Aire Banquet Hall
6831 Highway 65 NE, Fridley, Minnesota
www.aerohistorians.org/nordiccon2009.html

Sept 26 11th Annual SCIMA Contest and Swap
Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Columbus IN
Bill Zeihen 812-372-6249 scima58bz@yahoo.com

Sept 27 54rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

October 22-25 iHobby Expo
Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 3 Toledo Toy Fair and NNL #30
Theme: Muscle Cars – First Ten Years
Sylvania Exposition Center Sylvania, OH

October 10 11th Annual Air Zoo Model Contest
IPMS/Kalamazoo Scale Modelers & IPMS/West Michigan
Air Zoo Museum, 6151 Portage Rd. Portage, MI;
Clarence Wentzel, (269) 353-6302

Oct 17 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnsons Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

October 24 15th Annual Circle City Modelers
Contest & Swap
First Church of the Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
tn68droptop@yahoo.com

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171
unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 14 IPMS/Butch O'Hare 27th Annual
Contest and Swap Meet
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove, IL
IPMS_Butch_Ohare@yahoo.com

December 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter
Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com



IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Region 5 Convention:

Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – South
Chicagoland – details TBD

National and Regional Conventions:

2010 Nationals: Phoenix, AZ

2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE

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