



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs

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

2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year

2010 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

NO April Regular Meeting

See you at the Milwaukee NNL on April 10!

And the Ferrari Expo on April 24!

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry



New TAMIYA Aston Martin DBS

Kit# : 24316 Scale: 1/24

Tamiya will be releasing an all-new kit of the Aston Martin DBS featuring a detailed V12 engine, suspension, and interior, with chrome wheels and mirror-like emblems for the mirrors. Also includes a nice set of photo-etched metal detail parts. Scheduled for April release.

New Fujimi Ferrari F1



Ferrari F92A 1992 Late Type

Kit #: 09054 Scale: 1/20

The latest in Fujimi's 1/20 Grand Prix kit series is the Ferrari F92A. Molded in white and black plastic, with realistic black rubber tires, it includes markings for the 1992 GP season's #27 and #28 cars, Goodyear stencils for the tires, metal wheel lock nuts, and the modified steering wheel used by injured Italian racer Sandro Nannini in 1996 for a special test in the F92A car.

Model Factory Hiro F1 Turbines



Model Factory Hiro will release three full-detail multi-media kits of the Lotus 56B car, as raced in the 1971 F1 season. They feature a resin-cast body, aluminum wheels, rubber tires, decals, white metal parts and a fully detailed engine, suspension, and cockpit. This is a great subject, and Hiro kits are nice but a bit pricey (these are about \$315 USD!)

Media

GTR's own Steve Jahnke has a model featured in *Model Cars* magazine's coverage of last year's Milwaukee NNL. See page 29 of the February/March 2010 issue to see his Fujimi Nissan GT-R.

Real World

While the USF1 team failed to get a car ready for the 2010 Grand Prix season, and probably will not be allowed in 2011 even if they could, interest in a Grand Prix of the US remains. New York City has been rumored to be site of the next attempt at F1 in America, maybe by 2012.



Peugeot Wins Sebring 12 Hours



Events

GTR will have a club display at the 18th Annual Milwaukee NNL on April 10. There are usually over 500 models on the tables. And the next day is the Waukesha Spring swap meet.

And GTR will have a club display along with some tables in the vendor area at the Ferrari Expo at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale on April 24. This is a great show, the model contest has some great quality models on display, there is also a photo contest, the auto memorabilia sale and there are always some fantastic real cars to see and photograph at the dealership.

See the events calendar for details and for all of the events that I know of. I am adding 2010 events as I confirm the details. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

GTR News



GTR Update

There will be no regular April meeting; instead we will again have our annual club display at the Milwaukee NNL in Waukesha. Members should bring some finished models to put on the display. We may have some road trip meetings after that, watch for details.

GTR will have a table in the vendor room at the Ferrari Expo at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale on April 24. GTR members can bring in kits and stuff to sell.

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

For 2010 the annual dues for GTR will remain at \$15. Please pay up at the next meeting or mail to me (checks made out to Chuck Herrmann, **not** GTR please).

If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. I have three XL shirts left, the cost is \$9, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line.

Go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, then click on Newsletters, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL News

The 3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL will be August 8 at the usual location, the Algonquin Township offices in Cary, IL. The theme is EuroCars, any automotive subject that is manufactured in Europe. We are now selling trophy packages for \$35.

March 2010 GTR Meeting

The March meeting was held Mar 20 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. During the business portion we went over the treasury and upcoming

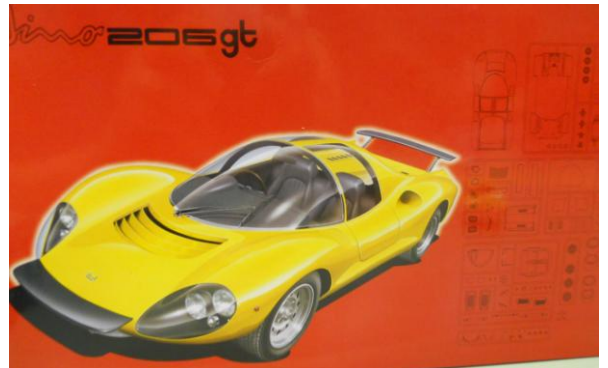
event news, and covered progress on our Summer NNL.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. There were not a lot of finished models this month, but there were some new kits and builds in progress to look at. Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the table.

Steve Jahnke: Finished 1974 Plymouth Road Runner, the Round 2 recent reissue of the Daisy Dukes car, and some kits:



Revell Ferrari California, Fujimi Dina 206 and



Hasegawa Toyota WRC car from the Safari Rally, 1999,



Travis Russ: Porsche 917 Long Tail resin kit by Fisher.

George Pritzen: Tamiya Lexus Japan GT car is progress.



Dave Edgecomb: Kits – Tamiya Ferrari F60 F1 car, Hasegawa Ferrari 312T2 1076 Jaoran GP, Fujimi Lamborghini Gallardo Polizia version,



And two resin transkits from Renaissance: Ferrari 360 Modena (below) and Nissan R390 LeMans



Chuck Herrmann: In progress 1967 STP Turbine from Bill Jorgensen Resin, and



Revell 1969 Camaro modifying to the Donahue Penske Trans Am racer



Finally a 1/43 New Ray diecast 1989 Alfa Romeo Spyder with detail painting – see the back cover for photo.

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.

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 jedgeco@hotmail.com

Wanted: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version

Les Whitfield whitfield1@yahoo.com

IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. 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.

The 2010 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention will be June 19-20 at Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN. Details see: www.ipmsduneland.com

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Region 5 Convention:

Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – Portage, IN

National and Regional Conventions:

2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ

2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE

No 2011 Region 5 Convention

News from Reg 5 DC Kelly Quirk: *We have a new Director of Local Chapters (DLC). Doug Hamilton is stepping down and Tim Darrah will be taking his place. The email address to contact Tim is: dlc@ipmsusa.org. Also I'm dropping my requests for any interest in a 2011 Regional. We'll instead shift our focus to the 2011 National convention in Omaha.*



Kit Build: VW Bus Reissue by Hasegawa



Subject: 1963 VW Type 2 Micro Bus
Manufacturer: Hasegawa
MSRP: \$83.95 **Kit#**20247 **Scale:**1/25
By Chuck Herrmann

Subject: This is a reissue of the VW 23 Window Micro Bus by Hasegawa. The main difference with this version is the inclusion of two long surfboards and the roof rack to hold them, which are molded in resin not styrene. There are also a lot of pinstripe and fin decals for the surfboards. Otherwise it looks like all the parts from the earlier versions are the same here.

Kit: This is a curbside, the only engine detail is the underside which glues on to the chassis. It comes molded in white and gray plastic, with chrome and glass and rubber tires. My sample had scratched clear pieces but they buffed out clean with Bare-Metal polish.

Body: The kit has a one piece body. The side doors and the engine compartment cover can be easily detached by snipping a few cut outs, however there is no real interior detail nor engine so that would require a lot of work to add.



Chassis: This is one large piece. Probably the biggest issue with this kit is the large number of serious circular mold marks on the bottom. These are located between the molded on rails so they are very difficult to sand off. There is a complete suspension system. The wheels mount via the usual Japanese rubber bushing method.



Interior: This version, the people hauler, featured three bench seats. It builds up off the top of the chassis. There is no side detail molded onto the interior of the body. The dashboard attached to the inside of the body.



Summary: Overall the kit went together well. I wanted to go for something in the hippy style from the late 1960's so I went with a red, white and blue scheme. The paints used were Tamiya acrylics over Rustoleum White primer, with a final coat of Testors Lacquer Ultra Clear. Decals are from the Johan Heavenly Hearse, some old Auto World sheets and the peace sign was cut from black decal paper. The interior was painted with Tamiya grey acrylic, which was also used for the sunroof, along with some weathering to represent fabric.



For a more thorough review of this kit and build see the IPMS/USA website at www.ipmsusa.org.

Another First Look at the New Revell Germany Trabant Kit

Subject: Trabant 601s

Mfg : Revell Germany **Kit#:**7256 **Scale:** 1/24

By Tim Leicht

(In the February issue we featured a look at this new Trabant kit by Craig Meador featured on Internetmodeler.com. GTR's Tim Leicht gives us his opinion this month)



From the Revell Germany web page:

A very unusual model appeared in October 2009. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of German reunification, artists from the Leipzig Graffiti Association decorated this car with images representing the fall of the Berlin wall. At the end of 2009, this unique roadworthy work of art on four wheels was finally auctioned for the benefit of the German charity "Kinderkrebshilfe" that combats forms of childhood cancer. The kit contains decals for the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall.

You know, there are certain cars that over time become cult classics. Well, the Trabant is one of them. First, a little history. The "Trabbi" was born in Germany in the 1950's as the "peoples car" of East Europe. It was a small boxy, quirky, little car. In fact, it was never meant to be a car, but a rain-proof motorcycle with a boot, thus cheap transport for all the family. The car was built in Zwickau, Germany. It was powered by a two stroke 600cc engine, producing a whopping 26 horsepower. It was very light. Because of the expense of steel, the car was made of Duroplast, a compressed mixture of resin and polyester. It was light, rust-proof, and cheap. However, if you were in a crash, it was the end. On impact it would crumble. The other problem with Duroplast is it's not recyclable. So,

sending them to a landfill wasn't a good idea. They were available in three gloriously boring colors: Light blue, beige, and olive green for the military.

In fact the first cars were produced for the military. In 1989, when the Berlin Wall came down, thousands of Trabants made their way into the West, making them a symbol of freedom for Eastern Europeans. Thus, the instant cult status. Getting one wasn't easy either in the East. You had to sign up when you were 18. After 13-15 years, customers got a letter announcing that their car was ready. Too bad if you got a beige one. Blue was the in vogue color of choice. So, the ugly, noisy, smoky, stinky, little car that could will always be a classic .

Here are some Trabbi jokes. How do you double the value of a Trabbi? Fill it with gas. What does P601 stand for? 600 order it, one gets it. Now to the kit.

Quite few years ago Revell Germany did a kit of this car. It was well, like the real car, a blob of plastic with poor moldings and complete lack of detail. For some reason, probably to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the real car, Revell did a complete new tool of the car. And what a kit this is. With well over a hundred parts, it's hard to believe that you can fit everything in the box under that little body! This kit has opening hood and trunk panels w/hinges, separate trim moldings, fog lights front and back, and even a trailer hitch!

The interior has separate door panels, separate seats with headrests, full dash details with a decal for the one gauge. There are five wheels and tires, the tires are more like o-rings, with the spare wheel molded with no lug bolts. All glass is separate pieces allowing the kit to be built with open door glass or closed. There are separate pedals and handbrake levers, along with separate seatbelt shoulder harnesses!

The engine is a seven piece assembly, along with a six piece exhaust system that goes all the way out the rear end. Under the hood there are separate fender liners with master cylinder, washer bottle, and fuel tank as well. (Yes the fuel tank sits on top of the motor, in a nice safe place- Ha!) Both ignition coils are separate along with the steering rack. The unibody is a one piece mold, but all suspension and brake details are separately molded pieces, quite the overkill for a kit this small, but it makes for a total detail build. It's even got rear mudflaps! There are no less than seven sets of license plates on the decal sheet, covering almost all the Eastern block countries.

The final item in the kit is a brochure for the Trabant museum in Zwickau! I see some crafty Easterners were at work because some of the cars in the brochure are red and silver. They must have been smuggled in under the cloak of darkness at night. So, what do you do with a kit like this? Make a race car out of it! How about a Pro Mod Trabbi? Maybe a Trabbi drifter? How about a Trabbi rally car? This would look really cool with a hemi in it, much like the Healy Bugeye Sprite I saw with a Dodge Viper driveline stuffed under the body. That one had a driveshaft about 3 inches long. If you are into Trabbis this is an excellent kit. If you're into race car modeling, the sky's the limit! Buy one.

Racing Trabants



Product review: SNAP and POP from Bob's Paint, etc.

At the Rockford Wheels in Scale show in January, there was a table in the vendor area for Bob's Paint, etc. Located in Kenosha, WI, Bob's offers a range of bottle paints and other finishing supplies for model car builders. Bob stopped by the GTR display table and after talking to us gave us some samples to try out.

While I have not used any of his stuff, it turns out they have been around for a while and some GTR guys have used the paints with good results. Steve Jahnke says the paints give nice results shot from an airbrush. There are quite a few color choices and his flyer says there are factory stock paint colors available. For more information contact Bob at 262-939-1499, or send an email to gdahl1@wi.rr.com.



The products we received for sampling were POP!, a polish, and SNAP!, a finishing compound. At the show I experimented with the SNAP on an old built up kit I had bought, the MPC Shalako dune buggy which looks like it was built back when it was still a new release, in the 1970s. The pieces were all dirty and smudged, so I rubbed it on one fender to see if it removed scratches. SNAP! seems similar to Bare-Metal Polish, with a slight abrasiveness or grit. On the picture above, the fender on the left was cleaned up with SNAP!, the right was untouched. Most of the scratches came off and a good bit of gloss returned, so it looks like it works for that. Dave Edgecomb took it home to work on some scratched clear plastic, he reports somewhat mixed results. The POP! Polish can be used as a wax replacement, swirl mark remover or finishing glaze. I used some on both bare plastic and over painted plastic, it shined up the finish and returned most of the gloss. So it could be a replacement for products like The Treatment, or instead of Slick n Smooth.

GTR Summer NNL

3rd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme:



EUROCARs

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

**The Summer NNL will be held on
Sunday August 8th 2010
from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the
Algonquin Township Building, 3702
US Highway 14, Crystal Lake,
Illinois 60014**

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn.

Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we will raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Awards: Contest participants vote on Best of in each class, Best Theme and People's Choice

Classes:

GTR NNL contest officials reserve the right to move your model to the correct class.

Models that have won previous IPMS Regional or National awards cannot compete for trophies but will gladly be accepted for display.

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal: Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles	All scales	All types
Curbside	All scales	All types: Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales	All types: No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme	All scales	Any automotive subject that is produced in Europe.

Examples: Ferrari, Porsche, Fiat, Renault, VW, Trabant, Lotus, Mercedes, Ducati, Smart, Citroen, Mini, BMW, Opel
Includes: Production cars, Racing cars, Motorcycles, Trucks

People's Choice Any model in the contest.

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See: www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com



2010 GTR Event Calendar

April 10 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Hotel, Madison, WI
Michael Luedke 262-567-9147

April 10 16th Annual IPMS Plastic Surgeon's
Contest
Valley Free Church, West Des Moines, IA
[Rob Folden](mailto:Rob.Folden) 515-661-1217
wdm.plasticsurgeons@gmail.com

April 10 Milwaukee NNL 18
Hosted by AMG
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
Scottiek1@chater.net

April 11 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring
Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

April 17 24th Annual NNL East
Wayne, NJ

April 24 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL
alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

May 1 Hoosier Model Car Assoc. 30th Annual
Miniature Vehicle Collectors Swap and Contest
First Church of the Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
indyhmca@hotmail.com

May 1 IPMS/Lippisch Contest & Show
Eastern Iowa Airpport, Cedar Rapids, IA
Charles Kucera 319-389-0877

June 6 12th Annual NNL North
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN
www.RPMMModelClub

June 12 19th Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Park KS
www.kcslammers.com

June 19-20 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention
Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
www.ipmsduneland.com

July 11 2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic Model
Car Show and Swap
Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club
American Legion Hall, Delavan WI
Keith 262-728-1483 or Rick 262-728-5003

July 17 NIMCON hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region
Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, McHenry IL
See www.lrsm.org or cntact pjp68@comcast.net

July 30-Aug 1. Model Car Contest by C.A.R.S. in
Miniature, in conjunction with The Indian
Uprising Car Show
St Charles, IL

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Phoenix, AZ
www.ipmsusa2010.org

August 8 3rd GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Offices
Cary, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

Sept 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

October 9 Toledo NNL
Sylvania Exhibition Center Sylvania, OH
716-434-0733

October 16 IPMS/Glue Crew Contest
Howard Johnson Conf Center, Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.com

Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



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Next GTR Meeting: May 15, 2010

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