



# 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 July Regular GTR Meeting - see you at  
the NIMCON Show!**

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

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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## Real World

## Hobby Industry

For Indy fans we have the announcement from Lance Sellers that a resin kit of Art Malone's 63 Novi is now available. Check it out at: [lresincars.com](http://lresincars.com)

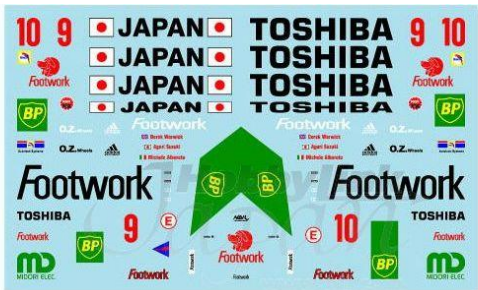


The website also has some nice reference photos, Indy car model gallery and how the resin kits are produced.

Fujimi is releasing the F1 Footwork Mugen Honda in 1/20. This is a reissue of the Modeler's kit. Last year I built a Modelers Tyrell kit. These are not quite up to Tamiya or Fujimi designed kits in quality, more like the 80's AMT Indy Car kits. And the decals in my kit just did not work. The sheet in this kit looks like the original.



Museum Collection will coincidentally be issuing a decal sheet, #MCLDC-553 for this subject.



A company called E JAN has released a series of 1/20 detail sets, these are helmets and driving gloves to accompany F1 models. The set shown below is a neat 60's vintage collection, others are for 70's and 80's drivers.



## Events

### Porsche Concours

Long Grove, IL, northwest of Chicago, is a little town which is known for it's vintage shopping area, with art and jewelry galleries along with clothing and gift shops, kind of a "ladies outing" destination. But on Fathers Day, Sunday June 20, it hosted a Porsche Concours event.



About 30 Porsches were parked in the show area for judging.



And many more were parked throughout the shopping area. So while my wife browsed the shops I checked out the cars, a real win-win situation!

## **Nimcon Event**

On July 17, our fellow IPMS chapter Lakes Region Scale Modelers will be hosting the Northern Illinois Modelers Contest, NIMCOM, at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL. This is an all category contest, and will award prizes in all categories based on the Gold-Silver Bronze judging method. There will also be a swap meet, GTR will be there, see our club news section.

## **CARS Indian Uprising Show**

In conjunction with the Indian Uprising All Pontiac Car Show in St Charles, IL on July 31-Aug 1, our fellow IPMS chapter CARS in Miniature will be hosting a model car show at the duPage County Expo Center in St Charles. All models, not just ponticas, are welcome in the contest.

## ***Support your local contests!***

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



## **GTR Update**

There will be no regular GTR meeting in July. The July 17 date falls on day of the NIMCON event at McHenry County College, hosted by fellow local IPMS chapter Lakes Region Scale Modelers. GTR will have a club display as well as a table in the vendor area for members to sell stuff. So make plans to be there in the afternoon of July 17 in place of the usual evening meeting. And bring in some stuff to put on the display table.

In August we will have the meeting at Steve Jahnke's home in Cary at the usual date and time, watch for details.

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.

GTR members are needed to volunteer to help run our GTR on August 8. So let either me

or Steve know if you are able to help out, you don't need to be there all day. And of course bring models for the contest!

Last call for T-Shirts! If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt last year 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. Leftovers will be put into the NNL raffle pile.

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

Go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. We are also accepting donations for the raffle. Please contact us to purchase a trophy package or with donations so we have time to publicize your contributions to the show.



## **IPMS News**

The 2010 IPMS Region 5 event was held in Portage, IN on June 18-19, see the coverage elsewhere this issue. Next year there will be no regional convention since the Nationals will be held in Region 5, in Omaha.

This years National Convention is August 4-7 in Phoenix, AZ

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! We will be going through the annual renewal process in a few months and we have had issues getting the required amount of IPMS members, so help out GTR as well as the IPMS and join or renew now! Details can be found at their web site, [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

# Tips and Tools

Each month this column will feature a short article on a new or unique technique or tool. All readers are encouraged to submit a few paragraphs, maybe a picture or two, of something you would like to share with fellow modelers. This month we have a full length article, but feel free to pass along anything you feel would be of interest to fellow modelers – we welcome submissions from all readers, not just GTR members!

## Using Alclad II Chrome Lacquer Paint

By Steve Jahnke

There are times when that old kit you bought at a swap meet has less than perfect chrome-plating or you want to “chrome-plate” a few parts on that custom rod or there is so much flash on the chromed part that by the time you clean it up, most of the chrome is too badly marred. There are several alternatives; one is to send the bad pieces to Chrome Tech USA in Madison Wisconsin, another is to spray it with Tamiya bright silver or use Alclad II chrome paint. This how-to is about the later technique.

Fellow GTR club member Frank (how would this 300SL look as a rail-job?) Luque recently sent a few bumpers for Alclading. Frank had already stripped the old chrome and had sanded, polished and had otherwise gotten rid of all mold lines and sprue attachment points. Old chrome can be stripped a number of ways: a swim in Ammonia, Westleys Bleach White and my personal favorite Castrol Super Cleaner or the other Purple cleaner. The latter two strippers also strip away the undercoat varnish or clear lacquer that is applied prior to factory chroming. Wear protective latex/rubber gloves when dealing with this potent stripper as it is caustic and will harm your skin!



The first I mount the bumpers on long pieces of cut-up sprue. This serves several important purposes; it gives you something to hold on to as you paint, it allows you the flexibility to move the piece around when painting to ensure optimum coverage and it serves a holder for drying purposes; just find an inconspicuous location to attach it to. I dip the end of the sprue into the liquid cement bottle and attach it to the piece; the sprue will break off easily when you are done.

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Alclad recommends a base coat of gloss black paint. Alclad sells a gloss black in their line but I generally use Testors Gloss Black rattle-can enamel as the base coat.



After the gloss is evenly applied, I check to make sure there are no dust bunnies or other boogers on the black painted surfaces to be ‘chromed’, sand and polish as required and touch up again with more gloss black. The next part is spraying on the Alclad. I generally spray Alclad at a lower pressure than normal (sorry, my air pressure gauge isn’t an accurate measuring device) and shoot it through my Paasche Model H with a #5 tip. When you first spray on the Alclad it appears muddy, but in a short time the metallic pigments/shinny bits will float to the top of the suspension and give you the chrome effect you are looking for. My best advice is to shoot the Alclad in a light coat at low air pressure and experiment on an old body or fender first to get the feel for the technique.



Proof of the pudding: Is Alclad II chrome better than new chrome.... Well no, nothing can beat well done factory vacuum chrome plating, but you still have to deal with touching up the part where it was attached to the tree; is it better than the average consumer “chrome paint”....yes, way better. The important thing is that after you try it, you will find a dozen uses and excuses to use it. If you are an experienced airbrush user give it a try and I think you will be satisfied. I give it a 5 star rating for ease of use and overall effect when done.

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# 2010 IPMS Region 5 Convention

by Chuck Herrmann

The 2010 IPMS Region 5 event, hosted by IPMS/Duneland chapter, was held in Portage, IN, at Willowcreek H.S, on June 18-19.

This annual event, which moves throughout the region, is an all category event along with a swap meet. While most of the vendors focused on military subjects, there were some automotive kits available, including one vendor with virtually every current car kit out. Also there were paints and tools available. There were approximately 400 entries for all types of models. There were 13 Automotive classes. I would estimate about 60-70 automotive entries. Pictures of some of the auto class winners are below. One special trophy was for Best 60's Subject, this was won by a nice build up of the Modelers Chaparral 2D and is pictured on the cover.



Open Wheel Comp (sponsored by GTR) class winner (STP Turbine)



Closed Wheel Comp class winner (1966 Alfa)



Commercial/Trucks class winner



Small Scale Class winner (1/43 McLaren F1)



Out of the Box Class winner (Ferrari Enzo)



Motorcycle class winner



Large Scale class winner

One interesting aspect of these IPMS shows is the variety of models. While most of the readers of this are car guys, there is a lot to admire in other modeling genres. I especially like the figures and dioramas since I occasionally dabble in these and I can pick up some ideas and techniques. *Fine Scale Modeler* was on hand to take some photos.

## IPMS Region 5 Convention Photos



Alfred E Newman



Bride of Frankenstein



Captain America



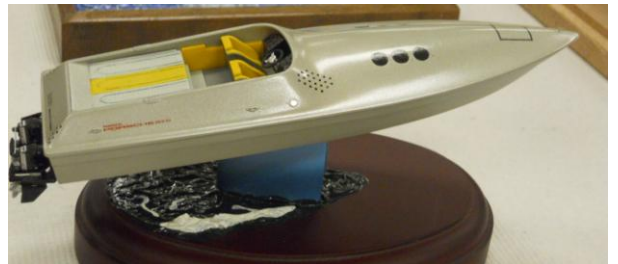
The contest room was large and well lit.



Street Rod class table



A Mitsubishi Claude



A Porsche speed boat



A word of warning!

Thanks to IPMS/Duneland for their efforts putting on this show!

# GTR Summer NNL

## 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

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# 2010 GTR Event Calendar



July 11 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Contest and Swap

hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, McHenry IL  
See [www.lrsm.org](http://www.lrsm.org) or contact [pij68@comcast.net](mailto:pij68@comcast.net)

July 25 Brickyard 400

Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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

See the CARS in Miniature home page at

<http://carsandracingstuff.com>

Contact Craig Sincora at [csincora@gmail.com](mailto:csincora@gmail.com)

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Phoenix, AZ

[www.ipmsusa2010.org](http://www.ipmsusa2010.org)

August 8 3<sup>rd</sup> GTR Summer NNL

Algonquin Township Offices

Cary, IL

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August 22 Road America ALMS

Elkhart Lake, WI

August 28 Peak Anti Freeze Indy 300

Chicagoland Motor Speedway

Sep 11 Gateway to the West Show and Swap

Hosted by IPMS Gateway St Louis

Doug Barton 636-332-9960

Sep 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show

DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.

For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Sep 25 Nordic-Con 2010

Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians

Robert Maderich 612-423-2985

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

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Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show

Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,

6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois

[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 21-24 iHobby Expo

Donald Stephens Convention Center

Rosemont, IL

[www.iHobbyexpo.com](http://www.iHobbyexpo.com)

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet

Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI

[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show

Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL

[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show

With model car contest

Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI

[www.millwaukeeminiaturemotors.com](http://www.millwaukeeminiaturemotors.com)



NASCAR races in Chicago this weekend, so the promo cars made many local appearances in the area, including the Jewel in Cary on July 4.



**IPMS USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ

2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE

No 2011 Region 5 Convention



# **GTR Auto** **Modelers Newsletter**



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