



GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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NIMCON Best Automotive
and Judges Choice Winner

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.

**August GTR Meeting will be at GTR VP
Steve Jahnke's House in Cary**

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

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GTR Mailbag

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by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

Future IndyCar Selected

Last month the IZOD IndyCar Series unveiled its **new car** strategy for the 2012 season and beyond, featuring a rolling chassis to be produced in the USA by longtime series partner Dallara that will be covered in changeable bodywork created by various manufacturers. Various manufacturers can produce the aero kit to dress the car with different body work, including front and rear wings, side pods, engine covers and more. The engine package will feature a maximum of six cylinders as well as maximum displacement of 2.4 cubic liters, with turbochargers. Engine manufacturer(s) are to be announced.



Ed. Comment: I am glad they did not go with the Delta Wing concept, as that would be a bit too radical. These new cars offer the possibility of different bodywork on the cars, so we can tell them apart by more than just paint and decals. Hopefully there will be multiple engine options. I'm sorry but a series just cannot claim to be world class with spec rules, we need interesting cars not just close racing.



After 107 years in Milwaukee, Harley could leave



It's the roar that made Milwaukee famous — the distinctive throaty rumble of a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. But that much-loved racket could be rumbling away to another state if the company cannot bring down its labor costs.

Harley-Davidson warned employees in April that it will move its Wisconsin manufacturing operations elsewhere if it cannot cut millions of dollars at the factories that build the bikes known as "Milwaukee Iron." Harley's have been manufactured in Milwaukee since 1903.

Harley's corporate headquarters would remain here, as well as the Harley Museum, but the manufacturing would move elsewhere. Indications are it would be a state with lower labor costs, not an overseas location. (for now — how any outsourcing would impact Harley's carefully crafted image would be interesting.

"They symbolize the classic American values of independence and hard work, freedom, all those values," said Kanti Prasad, a marketing professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee business school. "Harley-Davidson is a uniquely American phenomenon."

Events

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. **Watch for a special edition of the GTR Newsletter with results and coverage later this month!**

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 News

GTR Update

In August we will have the regular meeting at Steve Jahnke's home in Cary at the usual date and time, 7:00 pm Saturday August 21, Members will get an email with more details.

For September we will be back at the Fountains for the first time in while on the regular schedule and location.

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

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.



IPMS News

As you read this the 2010 IPMS/USA National Convention will be underway or just concluded in Phoenix, AZ. There will be convention updates and results on the website, at www.ipmsusa.org.

Next year the Nationals will be in our Region 5, in Omaha NE. The details are usually available just after the current year's event.

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, or see me for membership forms.

2010 NIMCON

by Chuck Herrmann

The 1st Annual Northern Illinois Model Contest (NIMCON 1) took place Saturday, July 17. Hosted by IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers and held at McHenry County College. Local modelers were reminded of past NIMO events held at the same location in past years. The contest drew 58 entrants and about 200 entries. The judging was Chicago Rules, with Gold, Silver Bronze Awards rather than 1-2-3 in specific categories. It was an all category show, not just automotive. There was an accompanying swap meet, which included a number of vendors selling car kits, as well as a large raffle.



GTR was there, with a Club Display. We also had a club table in the vendor room



Tamiya Porsche Carrera GT



Resin Chaparral 2F, a silver award winner



Nissan 350Z, a gold award winner



Yours truly was honored to win the Bob Urry Memorial Rat Rod Award for this Monogram Tijuana Rat Rod, converted from the Tijuana Taxi kit.



This beater 56 Ford pickup featured lots of realistic weathering. It won a Gold award, also Best in Automotive and overall Judge's Choice awards as well. GTR sponsored the Best Automotive trophy.



1/32 Batmobile

Quick Look: Tamiya Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren 722 Built Up

By Chuck Herrmann

Subject: Mercedes-Benz McLaren SLK 722

Manufacturer: Tamiya

MSRP: \$73 **Kit#** 24317 **Scale:** 1/24



Subject: . In the May issue of the *GTR Newsletter* I presented a First Look at this Tamiya release, Check that out for kit details. This month I will give a few brief details on the build up. For the full kit review, check out the Automotive Reviews on the IPMS/USA website, at www.ipmsusa.org.

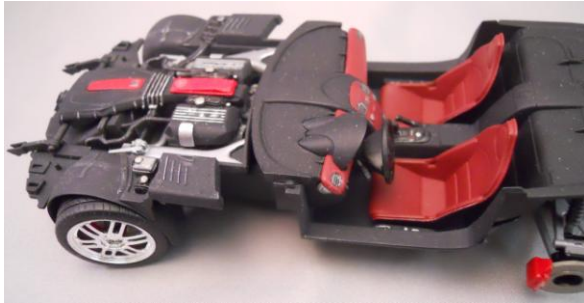
Kit: It is a modified reissue of their kit of the "base" SLR in 2006, Additions are the unique 722 edition components: a new front splitter and new wheels, along with 722 markings in decal and chrome metal transfers.



Build: Being a Tamiya kit, the build went smoothly with one major exception. The gull wing style doors are one of the most distinctive features of this car, so the body is a multi piece assembly to capture that. The doors feature a metal hinge. Along with a plastic hinge, but the metal piece keeps falling out, and the doors need to have a metal rod to be propped open for display. Also, I had a hard time getting the doors

to line our properly when closed. The door is a multi piece assembly, including clear plastic for the glass, so maybe I was just a bit off. If I had not been doing a box stock review for IPMS I would have glued them shut and been done with it.

Otherwise, everything went together well. The engine is only three large pieces but looks ok with detail painting.



The hood swings out and up to open but this went together fine.



For paint I went with a different scheme than the real 722 version, all of which were silver. I used Testors White Lightning, lacquer shot from a rattle can with a clear coat. I added red accents to the interior.



In summary, other than the doors I was pleased with the kit, if you like Tamiya sports/exotics you will not be disappointed.

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!

Highlight Spring Detail with a Sharpie Pen!

By Chuck Herrmann



While building the Tamiya Mercedes SLR I needed to add some detail to the front and rear springs. Since it was a box stock review build paint was the only option. So after painting the springs aluminum, I wanted something to make the springs stand out from the strut. Instead of painting, which might have run in between the molded on detail I tried using a medium point Sharpie pen. I just carefully rubbed it over the raised detail and was satisfied with the results. It dries almost instantly so I was able to proceed with installing it in the chassis right away.



Other uses for Sharpie pens are black and silver for touch up. Black can be used for flat black, silver for chrome pieces that need a little touch up. Neither color is an exact match, but is useful for parts that may not be prominently visible for a quick alternative to paints.

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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2010 GTR Event Calendar



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

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

August 22 Road America ALMS
Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

August 28 Peak Anti Freeze Indy 300
Chicagoland Motor Speedway

Sep 11 12th Annual Airzoo Model Contest
Hosts :IPMS/Kalamazoo & IPMS West Michigan
Air Zoo Museum, Kalamazoo MI
www.ipmskalamazoo.org

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

Sep25 Nordic-Con 2010
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
Robert Maderich 612-423-2985

October 9 Toledo NNL and Swap
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

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

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

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

Nov 21 Open House Brian's Pro Shop & Hobby
1211 S 4th St Dekalb, IL
815-758-4801

www.briansproshopandhobby.com

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

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
With model car contest
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ

2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE

No 2011 Region 5 Convention

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