

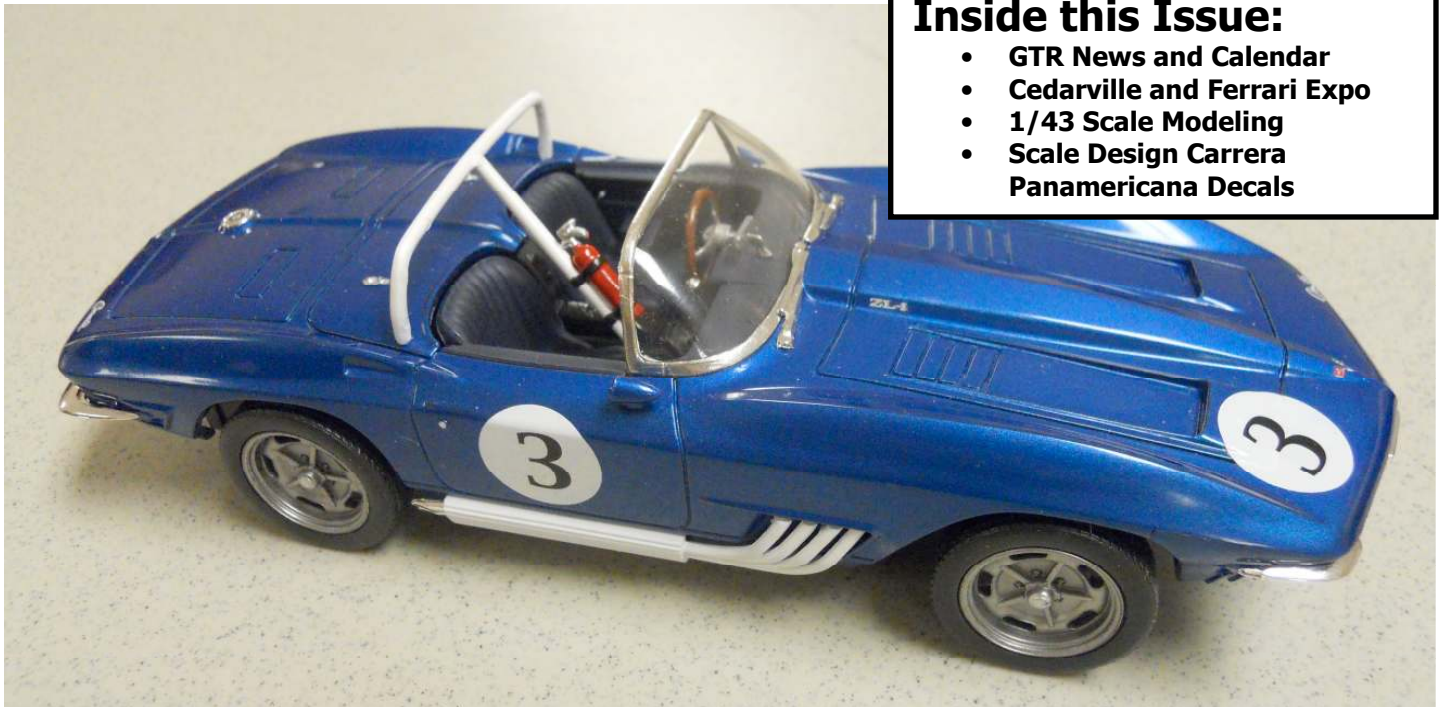


# GTR Newsletter April 2012

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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## GTR Auto Modelers

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# From The Prez

Wow, what a great time the Ferrari show at Continental Motors was! This was the first time I attended it and had a great time. Thanks to our members for manning the club tables and bringing in some models for the show. There were some stunning models on display and I'm sure it made it really hard for the judges to pick a winner in all the categories. While I didn't stay long, I really enjoyed it. I was with my racing partner and my brother in law, who had to be back by 1:00 pm so he could drive my niece back to Ann Arbor MI. He also wanted to show me the Tesla showroom at Oak Brook mall and we went there after stopping at Continental.

The Tesla showroom was nice. They had a preproduction 4 door sedan there and it was an interesting car with some strange features, like a mother in law type seat in the rear hatch, and the world's biggest I Pad display in the center console! We're a talking 18x7 screen here! Quite frankly I thought it was somewhat of a distraction for the driver, but the sales person said it goes to dysfunctional mode when you put the car in gear. And then he shows me how the navigation system works and the screen is totally functional. I'm not buying into it. It is totally distracting to the driver- an accident waiting to happen. Then, he tells me the car has a range of 180 mile and can be recharged in 45 minutes! What he forgot to say is that it needs 480 volts to do that. I'm sure you can rewire your garage outlet to make that work but when you get to your destination what do you do?

"Hey buddy, can you spare few sparks?" Nice concept, but needs some tweeking.



Well, back to the Ferrari Expo. What was the most fun for me was the garage area. My jaw

dropped when we walked back there and saw a Ferrari 333SP completely disassembled and I assume was under restoration, with pieces of it all over the shop, like the scare crow from the Wizard of Oz after the witches monkeys attacked him. The tub was in one corner, the engine/transaxle was at the opposite corner of the shop, and the bodywork was nowhere to be found. I got some nice close up detail shots of it and of course some of the other cars in the shop.



One of my best finds was what appeared to be an old Fiat in the back parking lot that was a race car from the 24 Hours of Lemons! For those of you that don't know, this race series is based on cars you find for \$600 or less and install a roll cage and safety belts and then race them for 24 hours and may the best beater win! It's all in fun but the race teams get really into it and create whole team attire and decorate the cars as well. Check them out on the internet. The Fiat was appropriately decorated with an age old logo that you can identify with, "Martini and Rusty" perfect for the Fiat! I really got a kick out of the roof vents and tubing for the rear drum brakes.



So, it was a fun day and the weather was great. Thanks to all our club members that were there and I look forward to the next meeting.  
Tim Leicht

# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## REAL WORLD

### New F1 and Indy Cars

As the 2012 racing season opens, we are seeing new designs in the major open wheel series.

Formula 1 cars seem to be getting uglier, not only with all the aerodynamic appendages stuck on but now with a noticeable drop down in the nose section.



It appears the negative buzz over this already has made the rules makers ban it for next year.

And Indy Car has gone to the new spec Dallara chassis. While the front is smoother than on F1 cars, the wider side pods, all the way out to the wheels, make the cars look like 1980's Cam Am cars from certain angles.



This is especially true from the rear, as there is rear bodywork extending across the rear wheels. Most of this new bodywork is designed to prevent the cars going airborne when they touch wheels.



Next year teams will be able to use different aero packages, such as wings and body parts, so it will be interesting to see how they look in 2013.

### Datsun to return?

Nissan is thinking of reviving its former nameplate, Datsun, in 2014, if a report by the Japanese news agency Nikkei is to be believed.

The report, which did not cite sources, said that Nissan wants to create a lower-cost sub-brand to better compete in countries such as Russia, India and Indonesia. The cars would cost roughly twice that of the Indian-built Tata Nano, the world's cheapest production car, or about \$6,100 at today's exchange rates. There are even plans, according to Nikkei, of a 0.8-liter engine destined for Russia. Warranties would be shorter than on regular Nissan cars.

### Farewell to VW Vocho Taxis



Mexico's capital is ready to stomp out its iconic Volkswagen "Bug" taxis. Officials have announced that the last of the old-style VW Beetles will have their cab licenses expire by the end of the year, marking the end of a part of Mexico City life.

The rounded, two-door sedan nicknamed the Bug — in Mexico, it's a "Vocho" — at its height in 2006, accounted for almost half of all taxis in Mexico City, with about 50,000 cruising the streets.

Today, there are only about 3,500 of the privately owned and operated Bugs among 130,000 taxis.

The model hasn't been manufactured since 2003, when the last one rolled off an assembly line in the Mexican state of Puebla. For safety reasons, Mexico City began mandating four-door taxis in 2003. So the Beetles that entered service in 2002 are the last to operate as cabs. Most car models are limited by the city to eight years of service as taxis, but the Bug was allowed a 10-year run — and that ends with 2012.

### **New Viper Leaked by Hot Wheels**

The new (Dodge) SRT Viper is set for a world premiere at the New York Auto Show in April. But apparently Hot Wheels has jumped the gun and released pictures of its new release before the real thing debuted?



### **NISSAN to Power Delta Wing**



The Delta Wing (which was potentially the new Indy Car chassis until the Dallara was chosen) will be powered by Nissan when it debuts at the LeMans 24 Hours in June. It ran its first demo laps at Sebring in Nissan markings. Below is the car as it appeared at the Chicago Auto Show in February.



### **New ALMS GT Racers**



Lotus will join the ALMS series with a one car GT class entry from Alex Job Racing, who historically has run Porsches. The Lotus Evra will join the series at Long Beach for the rest of the season.



And Aston Martin raced a new Vantage GT class car at Sebring and will be at several early US races before going to compete in the full World Endurance Championship schedule.

## **MEDIA**

### **Trans AM Racing**

Trans-Am Race Co. has announced that it will partner with GoRacingTV.com to provide a unique form of video coverage for the 2012 season. During each race weekend, GoRacingTV.com plans to deliver electronic news-gathering-style video vignettes to fans via the Internet and through the new GoRacingTV.com mobile app. Fans will be able to keep up with their favorite series and drivers throughout the weekend with quick two- to three-minute video updates.

At the end of each weekend there will be a "Trans-Am This Week" video show summarizing the weekend's full events. Each summary show will be complete with highlights of the weekend racing action and interviews with the drivers and Trans-Am officials to give a true behind-the-scenes coverage approach. There also will be video racing action through trackside and on-board video cameras mounted on the front and back of 90 percent of the racing field. These shows can be seen on [www.goracingTV.com](http://www.goracingTV.com), [www.gotransam.com](http://www.gotransam.com)'s Vimeo channel, [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and GoRacingTV.com's mobile app (available mid-April).

Trans-Am will kick off the 2012 championship run on May 20 at Canadian Tire Mosport Park.

### **Sebring TV**

As last year, the next day two hour summary of the Sebring 12 Hour race shown on ABC was lousy. Much if it seemed like a commercial for Corvette and other sponsors, and the narrative of the race was hard to follow as after each break the race picked up several hours later! However, according to ALMS the coverage had the highest viewership ever, and the entire race was webcast live on ESPN3.

## **INDUSTRY NEWS**

### **New Humbrol Fluorescent and Flip Flop Spray Colours**

The New Humbrol Fluorescent spray range includes five bright day glow colours. Ideal for identification and safety and can also be used for decorative and craft projects on a wide range of surface types. The spray also glows under UV light.



The new Humbrol Multi-Effect sprays flip and change colours. These sprays are ideal for a wide range of uses; plastic kits, slot cars, polycarbonate body shells, along with decorative and craft projects. Humbrol Multi-Effect Sprays must be applied on a black undercoat/ surface. To achieve optimum durability we also recommend using Humbrol acrylic varnish.

For details see [www.humbrol.com](http://www.humbrol.com)

## **EVENTS**

This month is the Milwaukee NNL on April 14. GTR will have our display table so any members coming are encouraged to bring in models for the display. And this year the NNL themes are sports car racing and LeMans winners, so GTR members should be able to bring in lots of theme models.

For 2012 the internet Revell Global Model Car Championship Contests (as covered on the *GEARS TV* show by Stacey David on Speed TV) will feature Muscle Cars. For information on eligible kits and entry information (deadline is May 15), see [revell.com](http://revell.com)

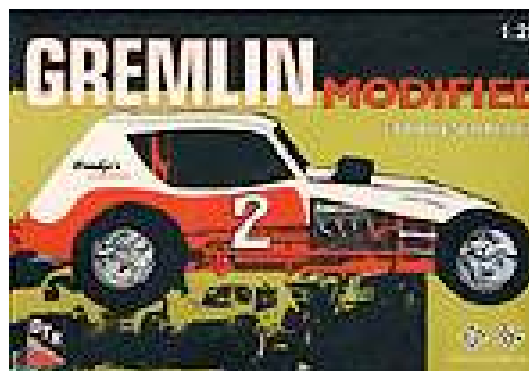
See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

## **2012 GTR Summer NNL**

We are happy to announce the fifth annual GTR Summer NNL will be held again this year. The date will be August 5, 2012. The format and location will be the same as prior shows. The theme will be Dirt: Off Road Vehicles, anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Such as dune buggies, rally racers, dirt track sprints, midgets and stockers, construction equipment and more. We will again have a sub theme, this time it will be commemorating 50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours race, any subject that was or is eligible to compete in the event.

## **Dirt Theme Kits**

There are a lot of kits that will fit our 2012 GTR theme of DIRT: Off Road. So even if you don't necessarily build off road kits, I will publish several pictures and suggestions over the coming months, for kits that are eligible for the theme for inspiration! This month we feature some vintage oval racers, reissues of AMT kits:



Also see some of the kits on display in the March meeting photos. The 40 Ford, the Mini Countryman and the Dakar Mercedes all fit the theme.

# GTR News

## GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, April 7, at the Algonquin Township Building. Until we firm up any alternate plans or events the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The May meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are available on line.

Go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://www.carsandracingstuff.com), then click on Newsletters, find GTR and our newsletters are archived back to 2004. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

## 2012 GTR Club Project

If during this year GTR members build a model that fits the Summer NNL themes (Dirt: Off Road and 24 Hours of Daytona: Sports Racing cars) and present it (or via an emailed photo) at a club meeting or event before the GTR Summer NNL you will get your club dues of \$15 refunded.

At the March meeting, Ed Sexton became the first GTR member to present his new off road build, a 1/43 Dakar Toyota (see meeting photos). So his 2012 dues were refunded.

## March GTR Meeting

The regular March 2012 GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on March 3. For the business portion of the meeting we discussed our club tables at the Cedarville show and the Ferrari Expo, and we went over the treasury and mailbag. Then it was on to Show & Tell.

**George Pritzen:** a 40 Ford modified dirt track racer kit from AMT, and....



a completed Tamiya Nissan All-Japan GT series racer.



**Ed Sexton:** the new Revell Germany kit of the Citroën 2CV – this is a new tool, not a reissue as I reported several months ago, my apology to Revell Germany!



Also a built 1/43 Dakar Rally Toyota, a kit by Gaffe



**Steve Jahnke:** a Revell Mako Shark snap kit converted into a phantom Corvette sports car racer (see cover photo).

**Gerry Paquette:** two new Fujimi kits, the Mini Countryman



and the Lamborghini Aventador.



Also some nice aftermarket wheel sets, especially these for the Ferrari 458 Italia kit by FG Model. Check out the separate lug nuts!



**Chuck Herrmann:** the latest status of the Baja Bug project, with rear engine cage and cut down NASCAR kit side roll bars to beef up the frame.



Also a built 1/43 Liaz Dakar rally truck, converted from a Monti (Czech) snap toy. Decals are aftermarket.



And finally an ESCI Mercedes 450 SLC Dakar race kit.



## GTR Classifieds

**For Sale:** Complete set of *Car Modeler*, May 1990 through September 1998, in four original *Car Modeler* binders.

Complete set of *Scale Auto Enthusiast* (*Scale Auto* starting January 2002), May 1979 through December 2011, in original *Scale Auto Enthusiast* and *Scale Auto* binders:

Contact: Ronald Spanraft, (847) 548-2635, [rmgs13@yahoo.com](mailto:rmgs13@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** 1/24 Tamiya Zakspeed Capri Group 5 model.

Andy Kinzelman - cell 262-930-4236

**Wanted:** Photos of the Lotus 56 STP Turbine Car as raced in USAC road races in 1968, especially Riverside. Cars #40 (Pollard) and #60 (Leonard/Andretti). Need cars in road race trim, I have plenty of photos from Indy.

Chuck Herrmann [gtrchab@yahoo.com](mailto:gtrchab@yahoo.com)

## IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2012 Region 5 2012 Region 5 May 19,  
Holiday Inn Overland Park KS.

See [www.ipmswcmo.org](http://www.ipmswcmo.org)

2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL  
[www.ipms2012.org](http://www.ipms2012.org)

2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO

## CEDARVILLE 2012



The 11th Cedarville Swap and Contest was held March 11 at the Jane Addams Community Center in Cedarville, IL just north of Freeport. There was the usual full swap area, as well as a nice contest.



The contest tables were heavy on customs, hot rods and even demo derby at the expense of

exotics and foreign stuff, as is usually the case here. There were many nice kits on the tables, especially some vintage NASCAR stuff.



One of the first built up NASCAR Hudsons from Mobieus Models.



GTR had a club table in the swap area and several members attended to sell off some stuff and of course buy and swap new modeling opportunities.

## FERRARI EXPO 2012

Less than a week after Cedarville, the 31st Annual Ferrari Club of America Literature, Model and Art Expo was held at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale, IL on March 17. This is a great event, with a swap meet and a model contest held inside a Ferrari and Maserati showroom. And the beautiful facility also hosts an open house in the service bay, with lots of Ferrari restorations and race cars on display.



GTR club tables at Ferrari Expo.





Best in Show 1/12 Scale winner – GTR was a sponsor of this trophy.



1/24 models on the table



1/24 Ferrari F1



Carrera Panamericana Mercedes in 1/24



1/43 Cheetah



There were plenty of real toys on display, like this Ferrari Daytona. See the From the Prez section for photos of a 333 racer in the shop!



The new Ferrari FF four wheel drive: there were three of them, but this is Chicago!.

# 1/43 Model Building and Collecting Pt 1

By Ed Sexton

While attending the NNL East in New Jersey with my friend Mike Siegman, we discussed an interesting idea regarding 1/43 models. Over the years both Mike and I have been avid 1/43 model builders and collectors. So we thought it would be interested to write a story focused on 1/43 model building and collecting.

The world of 1/43 model kit building has changed dramatically over the years. The number of new kits being released has gone down significantly in the last few years. In addition, the prices have gone up to very high levels. I know everyone who buys models will not be surprised at this because the same thing has happened with plastic model kits. So I thought I would take you back to the time when I started building and collecting 1/43 models and review the history of 1/43 models as I remember it.

So let's go back to when I got started on 1/43 scale models and how I found out about them. It started in about 1974 and my friend, Larry Fulhorst, showed me a John Day Brabham BT44 kit. It was all white metal except for the wheel/tire combination which was one piece and molded plastic. In order to mold them, the tires were hollowed out on the inside. By any standards, these kits were crude. But they offered the subject matter that I couldn't find in any other models. The models were of Formula 1, Can Am and LeMans cars. These were just what I was interested in then and now. Also the basic shapes and proportions of the models were more like models and not toys. With a little work, they could be made into a reasonably accurate model. I also liked the size because if you added a little detail, it looked like a lot. The size also let me display them without taking up much room.



Ed's First 1/43 build

Just like the direction we are heading today, there was only one place in the USA to get 1/43 John Day Models. His name was Jacques Grelley and he owned, of all things, a restaurant down in Chicago. He didn't sell them at the restaurant so all the John Day Models were sold by mail order. But I would also run into Jacques at the top of the viewing area outside Turn 5 at Road America, Elkhart Lake. He would

have built versions of the models on a small fold up card table. Can you picture that today?



An early John Day kit

Then later I got a notice from Jacques about a new model from a French company called AMR and it was like everything changed. These models were still all white metal, but they were much better quality all the way through. Once I had an AMR model I just had to find out what else was out there. OH, if we only had the internet then.

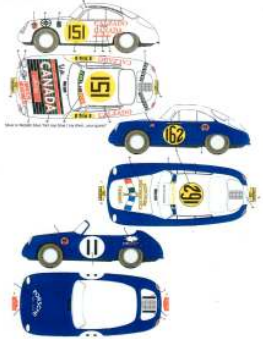
With Jacques the only game in the USA, I decided to try Canada and found a dealer called Mini Grid. It was run by George Maxwell, one great guy. Just like Jacques it was a small mail order business, but George was much more into the whole field of 1/43 models. He had lines from all over Europe and England. In addition he had accessory parts such as wheels with real rubber tires. Now I could replace those bad John Day wheel/tire pieces. The other kits ranged in quality between the John Days and the AMRs. Some of the early brands were Tenariv, Esdo, Meri, Mini Racing, FDS, GPM, Tron, Record, Racing 43 and many others. I actually built kits from all of these brands and more. But sadly to my knowledge none of these brands are still making kits today.

Once I started to get these other kits, it really opened things up for me. For example, a line of kits from England called Scale Racing Cars had very well done Cosworth engines. Now I could take a John Day body which was reasonably accurate and replace its crude engine with something better. The final result was a real improvement. By this time, these other 1/43 model lines started to eclipse John Day and he faded away. A few years ago I found an interesting interview article with John Day. He explained what happened for him during this period. He just didn't feel like taking that next step and improving his product.

As we entered the late 70s, other shops and mail order businesses started to come along such as Model Car Masterpieces and Valley Plaza Hobbies both on the west coast. There were even American 1/43 model makers such as Precision Miniatures. I'll go into these in more detail in the next installment.

# Scale Designs Porsche 356 Carrera Panamericana Decals

By Chuck Herrmann



The Carrera Panamericana races were 2,000 miles over open roads in Mexico, similar to such European races as the Targa Florio and Mille Miglia. They were held to commemorate the opening of the Pan American Highway thru Mexico. They were held five times, 1950-54, being cancelled as too dangerous in the aftermath of the 1955 LeMans tragedy and after 27 people were killed in the running of the races.

At last year's Ferrari Expo I picked up some Scale Designs decals for Porsche 356s that raced in the Carrera races in 1952-53. These are early versions of the 356, pre 356A, so any kit in 1/24 needs to be heavily backdated.



Several years ago I had picked up two motorized toy 356s for \$1 each. They looked like a 356, but upon closer inspection there were a lot of inaccuracies, so after I started to strip one and tear it down I gave it up. But once I had these decals, I wanted to build the blue and white Guatemalan sponsored car so I picked up the project with the goal of making a replica racer, not the actual race car. Other than some toy like proportions, there was only one grille on the engine cover and different exhausts and lights. And the toy had a lousy interior so I painted the clear windows black to make it a slammer.



But eventually it looks like a 356 for a shelf display model. I painted it with Tamiya rattle can lacquers and applied the decals. The wheels came from a Revell kit of the 356 Speedster club racer that was reissued some years ago. Not exactly right but they look like Porsche wheels.



The decals were printed for Scale Designs by Cartograf in Italy; they went on perfectly, with great coverage. Since this is not an accurate body style I can't really comment on the fit but they sure look great on the car. Tom Tanner of Scale Designs has done the work to build accurate version of these cars and showed them at the Ferrari Expo so if you want to go all out these will allow you to do cars from the 1952 or 1953 events.



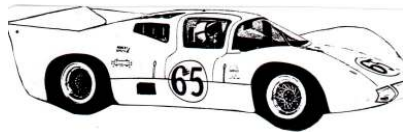
# 2012 GTR Summer NNL 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: **DIRT-Off Road**



Sub-Theme: 50 Years  
of the Daytona 24 Hours  
Sports Car Racing



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 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 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.

## Classes:

<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: Dirt Off Road</b>	All scales, all types	Anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Dune Buggies, Rally racers, dirt racers, etc.
<b>50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours</b>	All scales, all types	Any sports racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Daytona 24 Hours
<b>People's Choice</b>	Any model in the contest.	

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# GTR Event Calendar

April 14 Milwaukee NNL 20

Hosted by AMG

Family Centers of Excellence Waukesha, WI

Theme: Sports and Road Racing;

Subtheme: 24 Hours of LeMans

email: [scottiekl@charter.net](mailto:scottiekl@charter.net) or Mike Dowd,

[mdowd@wi.rr.com](mailto:mdowd@wi.rr.com)

April 15 30th Annual Spring Show

Milwaukee Miniature Motors

Waukesha County Expo Center Waukesha, WI

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

May 5 HMCA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miniature Vehicle

Collector's Swap & Model Car Contest

Knights of Columbus Hall, Indianapolis, IN

Duane Tripp [DCT2136@aol.com](mailto:DCT2136@aol.com)

May 5 IPMS/Mad-City Modelers Model Show

Doubledays Banquet House

Cottage Grove (Madison) WI

[Michael A. Luedke](mailto:Michael.A.Luedke) 262-567-9147

May 19 IPMS Region 5 Convention

Theme: "In the Movies"

Host: IPMS/West Central Missouri

Holiday Inn, Overland Park, KS

See [www.ipmswcmo.org](http://www.ipmswcmo.org)

Until May 15 2012 Revell/GearZ by Stacey

David Global Model Cars Championship

Internet Model Contest. See:

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

May 20 14<sup>th</sup> Annual NNL North

Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN

Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

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

May 27 Indy 500

Indianapolis Motror Speedway

June 9-10 Heartland Model Car Nationals

By IPMS.KC Slammers

Overland Park Conv Center, Overland Pk KS

Bill Barker 816-250-0906

June 16 Milwaukee Indy Car

June 16-17 LeMans 24 Hours

July 8 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Attack of the Plastic

Lake Lawn Lodge Resort Delavan, WI

Rick Allan 262-728-5003

Aug Brickyard 400

Indianapolis Motror Speedway

Aug 8-11 IPMS National Convention

Disney World, Orlando, FL

[www.ipms2012.org](http://www.ipms2012.org)

August 5 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL

Theme: DIRT (Off Road)

Subtheme: 24 Hours of Daytona

Algonquin Township Building Crystal Lake, IL

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August 18 Road America ALMS

Elkhart Lake, WI

Sep29 Nordic Con Contest and Swap

IPMS/Twin Cities Aero Historians

Productivity Inc Plymouth, MN

John Ross [plasticmodeler@yahoo.com](mailto:plasticmodeler@yahoo.com)

Sep 30 60th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show

DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL

(630) 969-1847

Email: [pthpowerinc@aol.com](mailto:pthpowerinc@aol.com).

November 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show

American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI

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

Oct 20 IPMS Glue Crew Contest & Swap

Howard Johnson's, Wausau WI

Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show

Park Place of Countryside

Countryside, Illinois 60525

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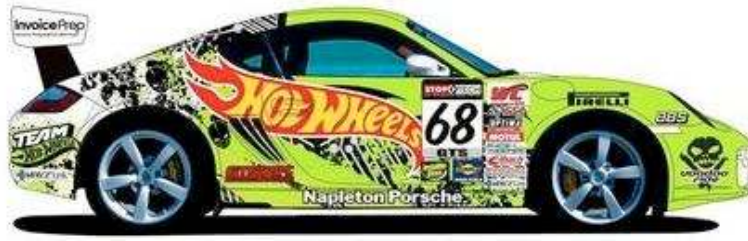
November 18 (hopefully...) US Grand Prix

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