



# **GTR**

## **Newsletter**

### **March 2013**



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## **GTR Auto Modelers**

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# GTR Mailbag

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by Chuck Herrmann

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### iHobby back to Chicago!

The 2013 iHobby Expo Show will be held on October 3-6, 2013 at the Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois. The public will be invited to view the show on Saturday October 5th and Sunday October 6th.

For more information about the show please see: [www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

### Nurnberg Toy Fair

Spielwarenmesse, the Nurnberg Toy Fair, will be held Jan 30 thru February 4 in Nurnberg, Germany.

### Pocher - Resurgence of a Myth!



Pocher announced two new 1/8 scale kits at the Spielwarenmesse Nurnberg Toy Fair in February. The subject of both full detail kits is the Lamborghini Aventador. It comes pre painted in either Orange or White.



Price is about \$800. Somebody has to pay for the pretty girls at the release announcement! Details at: [www.pocher.com](http://www.pocher.com),

### R&MMD 50 Olds upgrade

Replicas & Miniatures Co. of Maryland has a new resin piece on the market for the Revell '50 Olds kit. It is a '50 Olds two-carb intake setup (five pieces) for Stromberg or other two-bbl carbs, with bell style air cleaners. #P-137 for \$6.50.

### HRM Maserati 450S



Historic Racing Miniatures has added a **Maserati 450S** to their lineup. This curbside kit includes but is not limited to the following: body (*w/all vents opened up*), vacuformed glass, headrest plus cover, headlights (*with covers*) and tail lights, side exhaust, full interior, single-cast wire wheels, with Engelbert big 'n littles and finned brake drums, and decals from VRM are but a few of the highlights. About the only thing missing is an engine (*it is a curbside!*).

This kit has a sticker of \$110, while shipping and handling should set you back about \$7.00.

(Thanks to MAMA Sez for these updates!)

### Tamiya Porsche 934 in 1/24

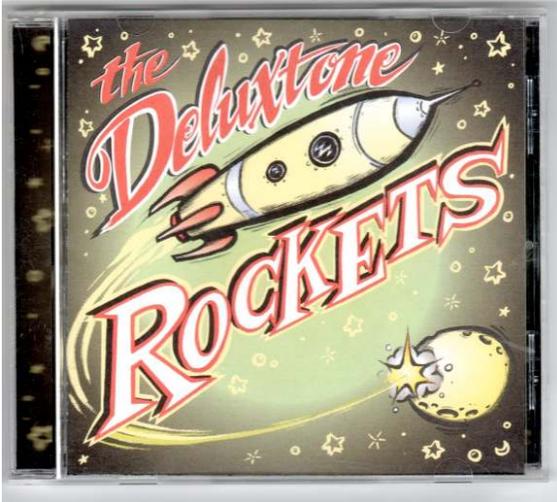


Tamiya has announced a "new" 1/24 tool of the Porsche 934RSR as raced in Jagermeister livery. Kit 24328. The kit will sport a new body but borrow many parts from their 935 kit. It will have a nice amount of interior detail but no engine. Grilles and other details will be rendered in genuine metal photo-etch, and the decals will come from Cartograph.



## MEDIA

### Music & Motoring



When I saw this CD at a library used book sale, the cover art grabbed me (at least my recent rat rod building alter ego). It features a very retro 50's sci fi look. So for the price of \$1 I picked it up. The music on this 1999 release by the Ypsilanti based band is basically rockabilly, the type you might hear at old school hot rodding events. And there are several songs about cars.

*I hear that V8 scream, running down 96  
That lead sled pushin down 110, and doing it just  
for kicks*

from *Rev it Up*

Good music for driving to, or for building those plastic hot rods at the model bench'

*Oh Joy Ride!*

*We're going for a ride....*

*Forget your worried mind,*

*And leave your cares behind.*

*90 MPH ridin in God's Cadillac*

From *God's Cadillac*

## EVENTS



**GTR was at the Rockford Classic Plastic Swap in January.**

Either because of an impending ice storm or maybe the lateness of the announcement for this year's show, attendance was way down this year. Our club table was half empty, but we did get the word about the Summer NNL. That said, personally I sold a lot and picked up some neat stuff, coming out even so that was good.

The IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention and Contest will be March 9 near Madison, WI.

The Cedarville Swap and Contest will be Sunday March 10. GTR will have tables in the vendor room.

This year's Ferrari Expo will be held March 23 at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale. GTR will have tables in the vendor room. This features a small but extremely high quality contest for racing and GT style subjects.

The day after the Ferrari Expo the 1/43 Scale Model Car Expo will be held in Countryside, IL, just across the road from the Countryside Collectors Classic Show.

There will be a Plastic Model Car Contest at Greenfield News & Hobby (Greenfield, WI, Milwaukee area) on March 23,

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.

**Cover:** For American sports car racing fans, since 1952 March means Sebring, so our cover photo this month is the start of the 1970 Sebring 12 Hours. The #19 Ferrari 512S was the pole winner Mario Andretti, the #14 Gulf Porsche 917 was Jo Siffert/Brian Redman. Classic cars and drivers! This race is famous since actor Steve McQueen (with a lot of help from Peter Revson) almost won the race (after starting 15<sup>th</sup>, thus out of this picture). Mario's car had problems so he jumped into the #21 team car and took the lead from Revson's smaller Porsche 908 in the last hour. His co drivers were Nino Vaccarella and Ignazio Giunti. Many people are familiar with these cars, from the great Steve McQueen movie *LeMans*, which featured cars from the 1970 LeMans race.



## GTR Update

GTR's Jim Brooks suffered a heart attack in February. He looks to be doing okay but let's all keep him in our thoughts and wish him a speedy and complete recovery. See you soon, Jim!

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. Until we firm up any alternate plans or events, the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township.

The June meeting will be a road meeting, as it will be at my house in Cary (about 2 miles from the Township Building, so not a very far road trip!) Hopefully it warm up by then and we can enjoy a sloppy joe dinner on the patio prior to the meeting.

The 2013 GTR Club Calendar features a photo of a member's model each month. You will need to order your copy; cost to members is \$10. The first order has sold out, but since these are printed to order we can get more. Let me or Steve Jahnke know if you want one, we will bring it to the next meeting. Thanks to Steve for taking the photos, putting the calendar together and handling the orders. We are planning to do several photo shoots for the 2014 Calendar throughout the year, so watch for notice of the meetings where Steve will be taking photos.

Dues for 2013 remain \$15; you can renew at the meeting or get a check to me (made out to Chuck Herrmann, not to GTR).

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 achieved back to 2004. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

## GTR is on Facebook



GTR now has a Facebook page. We will be posting news and photos from meetings and events. And others are free to post their photos and messages! Thanks to Joel Peters and Rick Hanna for setting this up.

## 2013 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL

The GTR Summer NNL will be held Sunday August 4. The Theme will be 60 Years of the Corvette, with trophies for Best Street and Best Racing Corvette models. We have added a new additional category this year, Military Vehicles, so hopefully some of our military modeling brothers will join us at the show!

And we are now accepting trophy sponsorships (\$35 per trophy) and raffle donations.

## 2013 GTR Club Project

To promote the NNL and to motivate members to build, the GTR club project this year will be Corvettes. Finish a Corvette model between now and the NNL in August, and bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me and your 2013 dues will be refunded! There are lots of options as the Corvette is probably the most modeled subject there is. We are seeing projects each meeting that hopefully will be done by the show. So grab a kit and start building!

## February GTR Meeting

The February regular GTR meeting held at the Algonquin Township Office on February 2. For the business portion of the meeting we did the treasury report and the mailbag, talked about iHobby Expo coming back to Chicago after just one year away in Cleveland (which apparently doesn't rock!). I offered to hold the June meeting at my house and it was accepted.

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Here is some of the stuff on the tables:

**Steve Jahnke:** Tamiya Subaru BRZ (watch for the review of this kit next newsletter)



Also a built Polar Lights 65 Dodge and a built Revell Ferrari California,



And lastly the Revell Snap Ferrari Enzo.



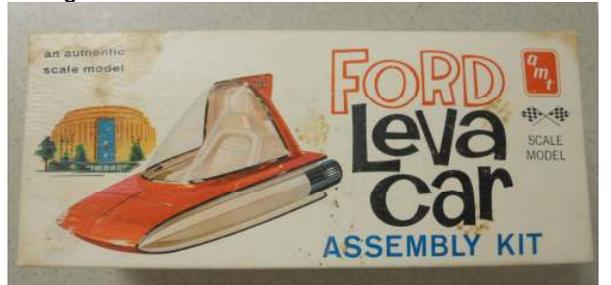
along with painted bodies of the Revell 599 Superamerica and a Ferrari 612.



**Dave Green:** another Rockford show purchase, a vintage AMT Ford Leva Car



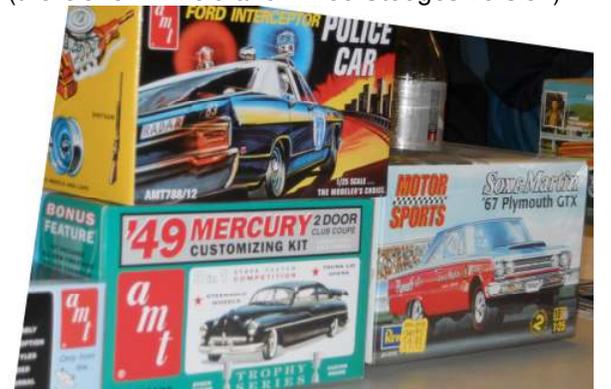
**Chuck Herrmann:** in progress projects – a 51 Chevy hardtop bought as a glue bomb at the Rockford show and already broken down and the paint stripped.



Dave also had a whole stack of new releases. From AMT Round 2, the 49 Mercury, 1970 Ford Police Interceptor, 2 40 Ford Sedan Deliveries, (the Gene Winfield and Three Stooges version)



And a 20 plus year build of a Ferrari F40, another glue bomb rebuild. Hope this one is ready for the Ferrari Expo later this month!



Also the Revell Challenger I., 67 Sox and Martin Plymouth drag car and an MPC 71 Challenger vintage kit bought at Rockford the week before.

**George Pritzen:** a built up Revell C5R Revell Corvette,



and a 55 Corvette drag racer.



**Dave Edgecomb:** Dave had two kits, first the new release injection molded kit of the LeMans Pescarolo Judd from the 2011 race from new company SimilarR.,



And a Fujimi 2007 Ferrari F1 kit.



**Rick Hanna:** Rick is working on a 1965 Pontiac Catalina, by modifying an MPC Bonneville body and using a Grand Prix chassis.



## 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 had enough National IPMS members this time, but we can use some more. So 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.

The 2013 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up for the Thin Air Nationals in August in Loveland, CO – see:

[www.ipmsusa2013.com/](http://www.ipmsusa2013.com/)

### 2013 IPMS Region 5 Convention

The 2013 Region 5 IPMS/USA Regional Contest and Convention will be held March 9 near Madison, WI. The last show in Madison, in 2009, saw a strong showing of Automotive models in the contest, This year it is a one day event. GTR has sponsored two of the Automotive trophies.

# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2013 Region 5 Saturday, March 9,  
Madison, WI

2013 IPMS/USA Nationals:

August 14-17 Loveland, CO

2014 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary IPMS/USA  
Nationals at Hampton Roads, VA.

# First Look: Revell's Ferrari 599 GTO



**Description:** Ferrari 599 GTO

**Manufacturer:** Revell US

**Kit#:** 85-403      **Scale:** 1/24

by: Rich Wilson

reprinted from the February 2013 MAMA SEZ,  
newsletter of the Maryland Automotive Modelers  
Association



Those legendary letters are known throughout the world—even to people that are not car nuts like ourselves. Some even think they refer to an American muscle car. This is only the third Ferrari to carry those hallowed letters. The 250 GTO is a no brainer, while the 288 is somewhat forgotten. The latter is my personal favorite even though it resembles the entry level 328 GTB. Both of these GTOs share the fact that they had bodies that were exclusive to them; this 'super' version is just a hotter version of the 599GTB Fiorano. Shortly after the GTB was in production, Ferrari offered the 599XX which was a pure race version. But, this GTO is a slightly detuned version of the double X with many of the luxury parts removed. Only in this car, it has settings to make it a little less backbreaking on daily commutes. Most of the leather is removed in favor of technical fabric Alcantara and bare metal with thin lightweight seats. The aluminum body is thinner as is the glass. As a matter of fact, 184 pounds were trimmed from the GTB for this car.

The 6-liter engine develops 670 horsepower, which is 30 less than the double X, but 50 more than the GTB. The transmission borrows technology from the F430 Scuderia in that it shifts faster with one less gear and a single disc clutch. The package is finished off with wider wheels and stickier tires. At Ferraris' Fiorano test track, it is 2.5 seconds faster per lap and goes 0-60 in only 3.35 sec. with a top speed of 208 mph (3 mph faster). The background lighting in the gauges starts out blue to indicate a cold operating temp, changing to green as the temp rises. The computer screen has a bar display that shows the percentage of performance usage. If you're considering buying one, they only built 599 of them and all were sold almost immediately, but at **\$450,000 per**, maybe you weren't. For pictures and additional information look in **Forza** magazine issues 103 and 106. For some unknown reason, **Road & Track** has chosen not to review this particular car. But I had to look all the way back to July of 2010 of **Car & Driver** for a short article of it; the pictures are worth the look. The domestic version of this Revell of Germany kit arrived in the middle of January, and I figured it would be a modified re-issue. I thought this would be a short review, so I sat down to see which parts were changed, and boy, was I wrong. The more I looked through the box, the more I realized this was a completely different kit/car. Yeah I know they look alike, but the similarities stop at the body, really.



**Engine:** There are only 15 parts including the air cleaner/ducts, but they are very detailed and totally different from the Fiorano. Only the cam covers look similar.

**Chassis:** The chassis was the first thing that caught my eye as different. The Fiorano had a chromed exhaust heat shield and exhaust pipes; the shield is gone but the pipes are there and the mufflers with drilled tips are there as well. The A-arms have been modified but are still non-descript. The spindles, tie rod, shocks, wheel

houses, and transaxle all look like those on the Fiorano but close inspection shows completely new parts.



**Tires/wheels:** The Fiorano tires were 10" & 12" with 18" & 21" diameters. The GTO comes with 21" diameter all round, but 10" & 14" widths, and they have directional tread versus domestic. The wheels are upgraded, as you'd expect, to 10 spokes. They aren't brightly chromed, but they're still a little too shiny for accuracy. As before, the disc brakes trap between the inner and outer wheel halves, but they seem to have slotted covers over 2/3 of them and three different decals to choose from for the calipers as well as two different sets for the hubs.

**Interior:** It takes a side-by-side comparison to see the differences between the two interiors, but the parts can't be interchanged. The door upholstery looks the same but the pieces wouldn't fit on the other interior which begs the question, why. The dashboards look the same, but the way they assemble is different. The Fioranos' dash top is glued to the body and then the lower half to it. The dash for the GTO is assembled completely, then glued to the interior. But, as you would expect, the seats are totally new, full race seats with leg support and four pieces in total (for each seat). This is a good model to use those expensive photo-etch/white metal seat belts/shoulder harnesses you've been saving. The pedals, steering column and wheel, paddle shifters, handgrip, parking brake are all new as well. Where the Fiorano had 14 decals for the dash, the GTO has 12 scattered on the dash and around the interior, and either black or white prancing horses for the seats. There are two decals offered for the analog tachometer/speedometer.

**Body:** Again, at first glance, the body seems unmodified, but a very close side-by-side comparison is needed to reveal the slight differences such as the vent under the taillights. The nosepiece, tailpiece, and grille are all new.



The engine hood is the most obvious changed piece with multiple air vents, but the engine hood is hinged. Even the under hood detail such as the tops of the inner fenders are changed. There is a headliner that was never in the Fiorano kit. The one thing that bothers me though is the lack of the fine mesh screen for the body openings that the Fiorano kit had (with patterns). The GTO kit has plastic pieces instead. I recommend that the builder replace these with mesh saved from other kits or sources. The glass appears to be one of the few carryovers from the previous kit.

**Decals:** Besides those already mentioned, the most prominent on the sheet are a 'steel' colored stripe for the center of the car as seen on the box art or alternately, a yellow stripe that goes across the front from wheel well to wheel well. I believe they are an optional piece for the 1:1 car. There are three blank roundels, but no numbers for them. There are four decals for the air box not counting the ones for the raised ribs. I find the decal for the rear view mirror and side mirrors a little goofy; bare metal foil would be much better. Six decals get scattered around the engine bay and there are the expected scripts, shields and horses for the body. There are decals for the pedals and footrest, but I think painting them would be easier. Although they aren't mentioned or pictured, I think decals # 32 & 33 go around the exhaust tip openings. But, I think the rubber mat decals for the foot wells are the most novel. And finally, there are three sets of European plates and one for California.



Despite the 129 pieces in this kit, I believe a less experienced builder could expect to be able to assemble either this kit or the earlier 599 GTB. I've built the latter and can report that it went together with ease and precision, and it's no more expensive than any other Revell USA kit



# GTR Event

March 9 IPMS/USA Region 5 Convention  
IPMS/Mad City Modelers (Madison)  
Doubledays Cottage Grove, WI  
<http://madcitymodelers.webs.com>

March 10 Cedarville Swap and Contest  
Jane Addams Community Center, Cedarville, IL  
Theme: Jimmy Flintstone Cars 815-238-0634

March 16 Twelve Hours of Sebring ALMS  
Sebring, FL

March 23 Plastic Model Car Contest  
Greenfield News and Hobby  
6815 W. Layton Ave. Greenfield, WI 53220  
[www.greenfieldhobby.com](http://www.greenfieldhobby.com)

March 23 Ferrari Expo  
Continental Auto Sports, Hinsdale, IL 60521  
Tom Tanner/Scale Designs  
email: [alfaromeo2465@yahoo](mailto:alfaromeo2465@yahoo)

March 24 Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place of Countryside,  
Countryside, IL [www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

May 24 1/43 Scale Model Car Expo  
William Tell Holiday Inn Countryside, IL  
9:30AM - 2:30PM Free admission.  
Buz Kinkel 708-246-1543  
Email: [buz@route66modelcarstore.com](mailto:buz@route66modelcarstore.com).  
<http://store.route66modelcarstore.com/>

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Apr 13 Milwaukee NNL21 hosted by AMG  
Theme: "Legal in all 50 States", Alcohol,  
Tobacco & Firearms sponsored model vehicles  
Family Centers of Excellence, Waukesha, WI  
Sub-theme: 60 Years of the Corvette  
Info email: Scott Koch [scottiekl@charter.net](mailto:scottiekl@charter.net) or  
Mike Dowd [mdowd@wi.rr.com](mailto:mdowd@wi.rr.com)

Apr 14 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show,  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI  
Call (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail) or email  
[jdunn07@centurytel.net](mailto:jdunn07@centurytel.net)  
<http://www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com>

April 14 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

May 2-3 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual International Scale Vehicle  
Championship and Convention  
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, UT  
[www.gslchampionship.org](http://www.gslchampionship.org)

May 11 HMCA Contest and Swap Meet  
Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis, IN  
Contest: Duane Tripp (317) 421-1453  
or [DCT2136@aol.com](mailto:DCT2136@aol.com)  
Swap Meet: Dave Williams (317) 322-1852  
or [indyhmca@hotmail.com](mailto:indyhmca@hotmail.com)

May 19 13<sup>th</sup> NNL North Show & Swap  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN  
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985  
[www.RPModelClub.com](http://www.RPModelClub.com)

May 26 Indy 500 Indianapolis, IN

June 22-23 LeMans 24 Hours LeMans, France

July 13 NIMCON 2  
Host: IPMSLakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL  
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920

August 4 6<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR SUMMER NNL  
Theme: 60 Years of Corvettes  
Algonquin Township building  
Crystal Lake, IL  
[gtrchab@yahoo.com](mailto:gtrchab@yahoo.com)

August 14-17 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Loveland, CO  
[www.ipmsusa2013.com](http://www.ipmsusa2013.com)

Oct 24-27 iHobby Expo  
Schaumburg, IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

October 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place Of Countryside,  
Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
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