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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann
REAL WORLD



The LaFerrari, the newest supercar from Ferrari of which just 499 will be built, made its world debut at the Geneva International Motor Show. A mid-front engine 6.3 liter 963 hp V-12, It will use a hybrid system making full use of the Scuderia Ferrari's F1 KERS technology.

Price will be one million euros (1.3M USD), and there is already a list of 800 applicants for the available cars.

Fred Lorenzen Exhibit at Elmhurst Historical Museum

Until May 19, the story of NASCAR legend and Elmhurst native Fred Lorenzen comes to life through photos, artifacts, and exciting race footage depicting a little-known local hero who etched his name in the annals of racing history. Find out how this Midwestern outsider, known as "Fearless Freddie," got the inside track in the early days of professional NASCAR racing to become a fan favorite and winner of the 1965 Daytona 500. See the Fred Lorenzen tribute car, an exact replica of Lorenzen's #28 1964 Ford Galaxie,



The merger of GRAND-AM Road Racing and the American Le Mans Series will result in one series beginning in 2014, called United SportsCar Racing. It will debut with the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona.

Also announced was the retaining of the storied International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) as the sanctioning body for United SportsCar Racing and all its associated series. In addition, the new competition class names for 2014 were announced:

- The lead Prototype (P) class, combining GRAND AM's Daytona Prototypes plus the ALMS' P2 and Delta Wing cars;
- Prototype Challenge (PC), retained from the current ALMS class structure;
- GT Le Mans (GTLM), consisting of the ALMS' current GT class;
- GT Daytona (GTD), consisting of GRAND-AM's current GT class and the ALMS' current GTC class;
- GX, coming over from the current GRAND-AM

We await the rest of the schedule and who will be taking part. Local fans will probably be safe to assume that Road America will remain on the schedule.

MEDIA

Fox has officially announced it will be replacing SPEED with a new, national and multi-sport network called FOX Sports 1, effectively bringing an end to automobile, motorcycle and racing focused programming in the United States.

Initial programming will include over 5,000 hours of live events including college football, college basketball, baseball, soccer, NASCAR and of course American football. Starting life in 1996 as Speedvision, the racing-centric channel was bought by Fox in 2002 and changed to SPEED growing to a potential audience of over 90 million homes. This makes the debut in August the largest sports network launch in history and will likely bring hefty competition to original sports-only channel ESPN's stranglehold on sports programming.

We assume some of the racing coverage will continue, but maybe on a delayed basis? But what will become of some of the other shows like GEARZ? Hopefully they can find a home elsewhere; it will be more confusing to find them on the dial. And what about SPEED.com?

2013 F1 Racing on TV

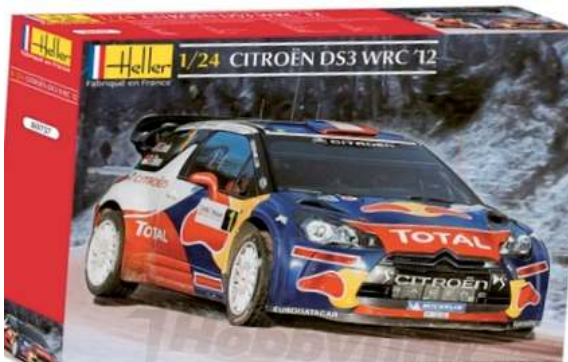
Since F1 racing TV broadcasts moved from Speed TV to NBC Sports for 2013, I was interested to compare the resultant TV coverage. The coverage of the first GP in Australia was very good, up to the Speed TV standards. Except that Lee Diffie replaced Bob Varsha, it was hard to tell the difference as the rest of the broadcasters were carried over from Speed TV. But for the Malaysia GP Varsha was back. And there were several pre-race and post-race shows as well. So far it looks like F1 on TV is doing fine.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Round 2 Buys Lindberg!

Round 2, owners of the AMT, MPC, and Polar Lights brands, now owns the rights to Lindberg and Hawk brands as well.

New Heller Kit



Heller is still putting out kits. Their newest 1/24 kit (80757) is the 2012 Citroën DS3 WRC rally racer.

EVENTS

In April the Milwaukee NNL is April 13 and the Waukesha is the next day. The NNL theme is "Legal in all 50 States", Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms sponsored model vehicles. So we can expect to see a lot of race cars on the theme table. GTR will have a club display at the NNL.

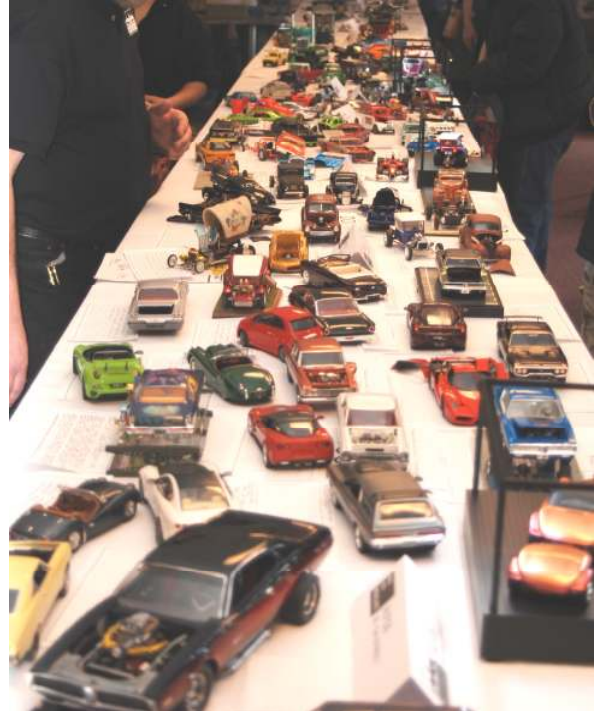
The Serb Hall show initially scheduled for that Sunday has been moved back to November 3.

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.

IPMS Region 5 Convention

The IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention and Contest was held Saturday, March 9 in Cottage Grove, WI near Madison. It was hosted by the IPMS Mad City Modelers (Madison, WI).

Turnout was good, as there were 517 entries on display from 107 modelers.



I counted just over 100 automotive entries, they had to add a table to accommodate them all.



Best Street Automotive





Winning Custom Entry



Wining Truck entry



Henry J



Since it was an IPMS show of course there were a lot of great non automotive stuff on display as well.



Thanks to the IPMS/Mad City Modelers for hosting this event.



Ferrari Expo

This year's Ferrari Expo was held March 23 at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale. GTR had club tables in the vendor room.



This features a small but extremely high quality contest for racing and GT style subjects. The model count was down a bit this year but what was there was usual high quality.



Check out the view beyond the window!



1/24 contest entries



Special Carrera Panamericana display.



1/43 Porsches



There were three of the new Lamborghini Aventador models in the show.





The great thing about Ferrari Expo is the real cars on display, in the show and around the dealership. Note the Ferrari 333Space car!



The repair area was cleaned up and lots of beautiful cars were on display,



There were classics and modern Italian cars in the shop area,



The weather cooperated, sunny and dry so a lot on nice cars were there outside and in the parking lot.





GTR News

GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, April 6 at the Algonquin Township Building. Except for June, the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The June meeting will be at my house in Cary.

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. Steve will be taking photos at the April meeting, so this month bring in anything you want to be included for the 2014 calendar.

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, 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. We are getting new viewers and friends each month.

2013 6th 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. Several have already been sold so contact us if you are interested.

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!

March GTR Meeting

The March regular GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on March 2. For the business portion of the meeting we did the treasury report and the mailbag. We discussed the upcoming shows. We also looked at the display boards we plan to use for the upcoming Milwaukee NNL club display table.

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

Steve Jahnke: a Fujimi Porsche 911 Koenig version,



And a nicely built Revell 50 Oldsmobile



Chuck Herrmann: a Rockford show purchase of a Heller Porsche 917 build up, a weathered version of the 1970 Daytona 24 Hours winner. . Actually this was built by the first GTR president Travis Russ in the early 90's, then passed along until it was for sale as a broken built up model. Now it is restored and back in the "family".



Also a Revell 1932 Chrysler Imperial glue bomb project, another rat rod in the works.



Dave Green: Dave brought in a lot of stuff purchased at the Wheaton swap meet,



Above are three vintage JoHan drag subjects, two Mercurys and an AMC Hornet. The pictures don't show it but these were molded in colorful plastic.

He also had the new Revell Rat Roaster kit which was discussed at length.



The most notable was this AMT 1970 Trans AM racing Javelin. This also was released as a JoHan kit.



Also a resin Henry J wagon body.

John Walczak: Some stuff from the Wheaton show, vintage MPC Cougars and a JoHan 66 Rambler Ambassador kit. Also note the Hemi Hydro boat kit in progress, John is lengthening the basic hull and doing a lot of scratch building modifications.



George Pritzen: George brought in a wooden rack he assembled to hold bottles of paint at his workbench.



Dave Edgecomb: Dave had a 1/18 Spark diecast of the 1968 LeMans winning Ford GT40.



And the new Fujimi 1/20 Tyrell P34 kit.



Ed Sexton: a 1973 Porsche 935. This was built from several kits, a Nitto, Model Factory Hiro and a Monogram chassis.



Gerry Paquette: a 1966 El Camino custom with lots of added details.



And two phantom resin bodies by KKM- a 62 Turin (T-Bird) and a 69 Camaro Wagon



IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2013 IPMS/USA Nationals:
August 14-17 Loveland, CO
2014 50th Anniversary IPMS/USA
Nationals at Hampton Roads, VA.

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, 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/

Rat Roaster Trim



At the last meeting we talked about the internet buzz over the Revell Rat Roaster kit's side trim. Jerry Paquette found these photos on line – it trim is actually the polished then clear coated bare sheet metal and not an attached piece of chrome trim



Review: Tamiya's New Subaru BRX Kit



Description: 2012 Subaru BRX
Manufacturer: Tamiya
Kit#: 24234 **Scale:** 1/24 **MSRP:** \$65.00
By Steve Jahnke
Reprinted from the IPMS/USA website
www.ipmsusa.org

1/24th scale, molded in "WRX" mica blue, black, clear and chrome; includes window masking templates, photo-etched parts on a adhesive backing and metal hood brace. The kit makes one version.



History and Research:

The Subaru BRZ (B=boxer engine, R=rear wheel drive, Z=last letter in the alphabet) is a result of a joint collaboration between Toyota and Subaru. It was designed as a world car and is known by the names Subaru BRZ, Toyota GT86 and the Scion FR-S. They are all powered by a flat "Boxer" style 4 cylinder engines in all models and is

engineered by Subaru. Most of the rest of the development of the car was the work of Toyota.



The Build:

This is one of the latest issues from Tamiya. All of the BRZ's body parts are molded in Soobs' iconic Mica blue; I had to look long and hard to find any body molding seams to correct. I decided to build a street-racer version of the BRZ in the WRX style with gold wheels. A quick bath in Super Clean rid the wheels of the perfect chrome plating. The wheels received a quick shot of black primer and then air brushed o a light coat of Alclad Pale Gold (ALC 108). All of the body parts were shot with Tamiya's Mica Blue (TS-50) right out of the spray can.



I began building the engine and underbody suspension and drive train components using various shades of black and silvers. As with all Tamiya builds everything fits like a proverbial glove. The boxer engine is designed as only the top half, as the bottom of the car is flat to increase vacuum and adhesion to the road. Therefore you will not see the bottom half of the engine. Even with that limitation, there is plenty detail to see in the engine compartment as indicated in the photo.

The interior is very well executed particularly with the dash which includes decals for the following: center stack NAV display, driver instruments, and driver's clutch/brake/go pedal, door mounted speaker grills and Center Mounted Taillight (in LED's). All in all, the entire interior is a nice model all by itself. Everything was airbrushed Tamiya Semi Gloss Black (X-18). The interior tub mounts to the chassis for ease of assembly. This kit was my first successful use of the Tamiya masking patterns used for all of the cars "green house" glass which included the front windshield,

side glass and rear window. After carefully lining up the masks to the glass, and masked the outside of each "glass" piece (important step here unless you want to clean overspray from the front of the windows), I airbrushed Tamiya Semi-Gloss black (X-18) to the parts. Alcohol does a nice clean up way-ward paint if necessary. My only complaint was that the masks left some residue on the windows that I cleaned up with Alcohol on Q tip.

With all of the major sub-assemblies done it was time to put it all together, but first there is more assembly needed on the body for the front and rear light assemblies. The front headlights are a 3 piece assembly consisting of a clear projector lamp inserted into the headlight bezel and then mounted to the body while trapping the front clear lenses. Considering the complexity it was pretty easy, just remember to scrape the plating off of the bezel parts H1 and H2. The same holds true for the rear lights which are also a three piece assembly, again scrape the plating off of parts H3 and H4. Also make sure to paint clear parts D4 and D5 with Tamiya's clear red (X-27).



The final assembly of the model is pretty clever and this is the first time I have seen it in a car model. Normally when fitting the body over the chassis/tub interior there is a certain amount pushing/pulling to get the body/tub/chassis to line up hoping that all four wheels will hit the ground level. In the case of this model, the rear of the chassis has two pins that locate into two receptacles molded into the rear of the body for positive alignment. When the front of the body tab engages the front wheel well slot the tab automatically locks into place. To take the body off, simply pull the body forward to un-engage the body from the chassis...slick!

The kit also included chrome Mylar stickers for all of the mirrors and emblems and a metal hood prop to display the model with the hood open.



Conclusion

Typical Tamiya quality and engineering, easy to build, many extras, parts that are extremely well engineered and produced with no flash to speak of. On a personal note, with the current price of domestic car kits hitting close the \$30 mark, putting out an additional \$35 for a kit requires it to be exceptional. This little gem is just that.

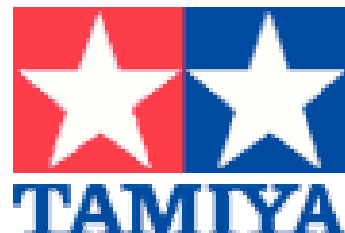
Real Thing:



Subaru and Toyota cousin on display



Toyota 86, in US Scion FR-S





GTR Event

Feb1 thru May 19 GEARZ/Revell Model Kit Championships On Line Contest
Modern Muscle/WWII Planes/Trucks
www.revell.com/contest/revellgearz2013.html

Feb1 thru May 19 On the Road to Glory: Fred Lorenzen Exhibit Elmhurst Historical Museum
120 E. Park Avenue Elmhurst, IL

Apr 13 Surgicon 19 by IPMS/Plastic Surgeons
Lakeside Center, Ankeny Iowa
www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.com

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 or Mike Dowd 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
<http://www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com>

Apr 14 **Canceled** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Apr 27 Annual Scale Model Contest
Upper Peninsula Scale Modelers
Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI
bill_conley@charter.net

May 2-3 23rd Annual International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention
Sheraton Salt Lake City Hotel, UT
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
Swap Meet: Dave Williams (317) 322-1852 or indyhmca@hotmail.com

May 19 13th NNL North Show & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

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

July 14 Attack of the Plastic Contest & Swap
Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan WI
Rick Allen 262-728-5003

August 4 6th Annual GTR SUMMER NNL
Theme: 60 Years of Corvettes
Algonquin Township building
Crystal Lake, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

Aug 10-11 Road America ALMS and Grand Am
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 14-17 IPMS/USA National Convention
Loveland, CO
www.ipmsusa2013.com

Sept 21 NORDICON 2013
Northern Star Council Boy Scout Camp
Fort Snelling MN
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

September 22 62nd IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
(630) 969-1847 Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com.

Oct 24-27 iHobby Expo
Schaumburg, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place Of Countryside,
Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Show,
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