

GTR MAILBAG

Green Racing News

Two classic summer races have demonstrated recent advance in new greener racing technologies. Audi won the Lemans 24 Hours with the latest version of their hybrid diesel. And for next year's LeMans, Nissan unleashed the ZEOD RC (Zero Emission On Demand Racing Car), which will be the world's fastest EV racer at the Le Mans 24 Hours. It can supposedly race past 185.



The ZEOD RC didn't initially have a spot in the Le Mans 24 Hours race. Nissan received an invitation for the ZEOD RC for the Automobile Club de l'Ouest's "Garage 56" spot, which is an additional spot for cars that display extreme performance and advanced technology. Obviously this car is based on the Deltawing project of last year, which is now competing regularly in the ALMS series in America, with a combustion engine.



Earlier last month, the land speed record for an electric vehicle was broken by the Drayson Racing Technology Lola B12/69, which hit a top speed of 204.2 mph. The previous record was 175 mph, set in 1974.



Meanwhile at the Pikes Peak Hillclimb in June, the electric power record was broken by Nobuhiro "Monster" Tajima in his E-Runner Special.



He broke his on record in beating OVER 20 other electric vehicles.

All of this lets us look into the future of racing as it adapts to a new greener environment.

"New" Pikes Peak



This was the first year that the entire course for the Pikes Peak Hillclimb was paved, as the last dirt sections are gone. So it was anticipated that the old records would be broken. Sébastien Loeb and the Peugeot 208 T16 Pikes Peak shattered the previous record with a breath-taking time of 8m13.878s. The Frenchman negotiated the 20 kilometers and 156 corners of the mountain at an average speed of 145kph. Loeb's time blitzed the previous best of 9m46.164s, set by Rhys Millen last year, with the top three finishers all beating the 2012 record



Most Expensive Car ever Sold at Auction



A 1954 Mercedes Benz Formula One racer just became the most expensive car ever sold at auction. Bonham's, the auctioneer, confirms that it brought the hammer down on the Mercedes Benz W196R at \$26.45 million. That tops the previous record for the most expensive car sold at auction, a 1957 Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa Prototype, sold for \$16.39 million at Gooding &

The famous race car driver Juan Manuel Fangio drove the Mercedes W196 to victory in two Formula One races—the 1954 German and Swiss Grands Prix. The car also had a great history, with well-documented ownership over the past half-century and very few major changes or modifications to the car. It raced in five World Championship-qualifying Grand Prix races before it was retired from the Mercedes racing team at the end of 1955. The car was then prepped to full race standard and consigned to the Daimler-Benz Museum on Dec. 22, 1955.

In June 1965, it was exhibited in Munich, and during 1966 it was shown at both Le Mans in France and Hockenheim in Germany. It then appeared at the 1967 British Grand Prix at Silverstone, before being run in a test at the Untertürkheim factory test-track, and displayed in Berlin. In November 1967, it was exhibited at Stuttgart University.

On May 22, 1973, Mercedes-Benz officially presented it to the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu, Hampshire, England. But in the 1980s, the car was sold into private hands and preserved for years in a warehouse.

The Return of Datsun

The Datsun is back! Nissan's storied brand was killed off in the 1980s, but last year the company first began speaking of its return as a low-cost option for emerging markets. Here is the first look the sub-\$7,000 Datsun Go, launched in India, which will go on sale in India, Indonesia, Russia

and South Africa next year



The car will cost less than 400,000 rupees (\$6,680).. The GO is a five-door hatchback with a manual transmission, and is powered by a 1.2-liter engine. The car is less than four meters long, which means it qualifies for a lower 12% excise tax in India.

Ed: my first new car was a Datsun 210 Sedan, a 1.1 liter stripped down mileage special for about \$4,800. It did get the promised 58 mpg on the highway, at the expense of carpeting, air conditioning and any other comfort features.

MEDIA

ESPN and Turner Sports won't broadcast NASCAR races after next season. NASCAR had more than three decades of relationships with both networks. NASCAR plans to announce a new rights deal with NBC for the second half of the Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series seasons -- a package that previously had been held by ESPN. Beginning in 2015, NBC will share NASCAR coverage with Fox, which signed an extension with NASCAR last year.

Sources say Turner's package of six Sprint Cup races, as well as the first half of the Nationwide Series, remain available. Fox is considered a likely bidder for both packages.

NBC's broadcast plans are not known, but sources say the network had been pitching NASCAR on returning the Sprint Cup series to broadcast TV and could air races on Sunday afternoons on NBC prior to its "Sunday Night Football" broadcast. It also offered a chance to cross-promote NASCAR with the Olympics.

SPEED TV GOES OFF AIR 8/17

Speed TV changes to Fox Sports 1 this month. There will still be racing coverage but it will not be automotive only.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Revell US is releasing the new Revell Germany 1/24 Mini Cooper kit in US packaging.



Kit 85-4035 Full Detail, including engine.

Revell has also announced another version of their 57 Ford kit, the Fireball Roberts NACSAR racer.



Kit 85-4024, with racing parts added.

AIRFIX MINI Countryman WRC 1/3



Launched by the MINI WRC team during the 2011 World Rally Championship, the MINI Countryman WRC is the first rally car to bear the MINI label in the top level rallying since the 1960s. Airfix has issued a 1/32 scale kit of this car as all new tooling. This model comes with a fully detailed interior. Too bad it is not in 1/24.

Fiat Topolino Models by Bronco

BRONCO Models, which is a Chinese company (new to me) that does military subjects (US distribution by Dragon Models), has modified its military version of the Fiat Topolino into two civilian versions. It is in 1/35 scale, but it is something different for car guys. This comes with figures, a lady, her dog, and her daughter

out for some shopping. There also is a convertible version with a different lady and dog.



EVENTS

The 2013 IPMS/USA Nationals will be August 14-17 in Loveland, Colorado. Your editor plans to attend so I will have a report and photos in a future newsletter.



And of course the excitement builds for our 6th Annual GTR Summer NNL on August 4! Details follow.

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 still accepting trophy sponsorships (\$35 per trophy) and raffle donations. Most have already been sold so contact us if you are interested.

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.



GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, August 3 at the Algonquin Township Building. Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. We will have a shortened meeting then start set up for the GTR Summer NNL the next day.

The 2013 GTR Club Calendar is still available; cost to members is \$10. Let me or Steve Jahnke know if you want one. We are

planning to do several photo shoots for the 2014 Calendar throughout the year. Steve took photos at the April meeting, watch for notice of the next shoot.

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

GTR Classifieds:

Wanted: 1/12 decals for Tamiya McLaren M23 kit, need Mike Hailwood driver name.

Wanted: Builder(s) for some vintage Can Am/USRRRC/sports racers, Nickey Chevy sponsored car. Kits provided, payment TBD.

For both of these contact Chuck Herrmann at grchab@yahoo.com

GTR is on Facebook



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! Registration forms for the GTR Summer NNL will soon be available on the page.

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 have seen several finished models already. The deadline is this month, so finish your project and bring it to the show!!



July Meeting

The July 2013 regular GTR meeting was held Saturday, June 6 at the Algonquin Township Building.

For the business portion we did treasury and mailbag and reviewed the status of our NNL event. We also discussed upcoming events, NIMCON 2 and the Attack of the Plastic in Lake Delevan. Then it was on to the models.

Here are photos from Show & Tell.

Ed Sexton: the new Quick Skins resin Camaro Trans Am kit



Dave Green: a built Revell modern Mustang convertible, kit bashed with build snap and glue kit components.



An in process 50 Olds gasser project,



Dave also brought in a bunch of kits,

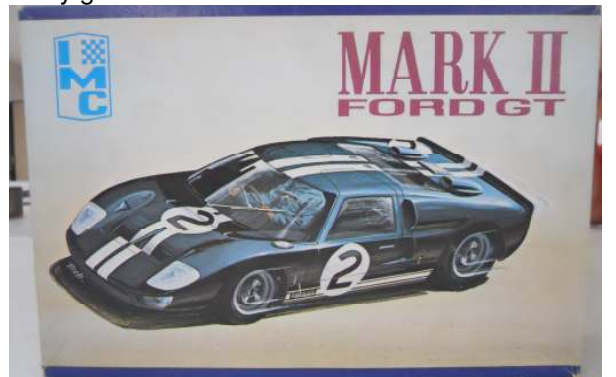


From Revell, he had the Revell 90 Mustang, a 69

Camaro, and the Dodge Magnum reissue. From AMT there was the Dirty Donnie Super Bee and from Polar Lights the Candies and Hughes funny car kit.



And finally he had a recent swap meet find, an original IMC Ford Mark II kit in a box that is in really good condition.



Gerry Paquette: two Ferrari kits, the Italia 275 NART and the Revell 275 GTB-4



Larry Fulhorst: 3 Chaparral models. A built 1/43 Marsh Models 2G, a 1/32 slot car 2E being converted into a 2G and a 1/25 Union kit (see cover photo).



Also he had some signed vintage Can Am photos, autographed by Jim Hall and Lothar Motschenbacher.



Dave Edgecomb: Spark 1/18 diecast of the 2011 LeMans winning Audi



And a Fujimi Ferrari 250 GTO kit.



Chuck Herrmann: a completed Revell Ferrari Enzo snap kit, also a Revell pre-painted Corvette LeMans pace vehicle and aftermarket decals to replace the kit stickers



IPMS News

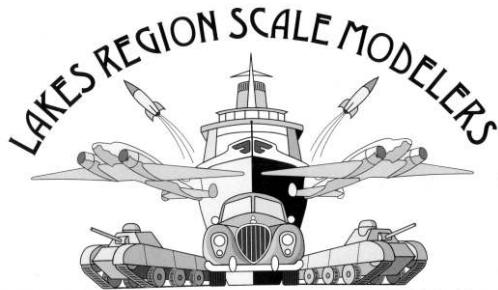
GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We had enough National IPMS members this time, but we can use some more. So we urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been 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 will be in August in Loveland, CO – see the website at:

www.ipmsusa2013.com/

We await news of the 2014 IPMS Region 5 Chapter Convention.

NIMCON 2 Event



NIMCON 2

The NIMCON 2 event was held July 13 at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL by our fellow IPMS club Lakes Region Scale Modelers. It was an all category model event, military and figures as well as autos. Most classes were judged with 1st-2nd-3rd awards, the Auto categories were decided by NNL style popular voting.



GTR had a table in the vendor area and a club display, above.



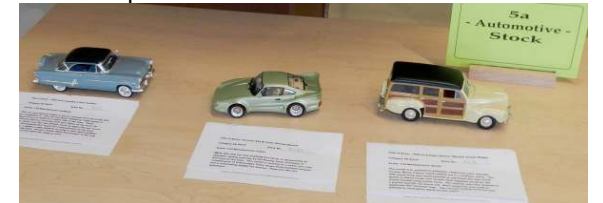
Custom class.



Auto Other Class:



Auto Competition Vehicles



Street Stock, above and below.



There were a lot of vendors at the show, also Revell and Grex Airbrushes had displays. There was also a raffle.

Turnout was somewhat light, there were about 40 automotive entries. But the newly remodeled facilities were a very nice setting for a show.



Among the Special Awards was the Tim Leicht Memorial Award for Best Mercedes. I was honored to have won it with my Tamiya Mercedes SLR, since Tim was a good friend as well as original founder and past president of GTR, also a long time Lakes Region member. We still miss him greatly.

2013 GTR Summer NNL

6th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: 60 Years of Corvettes

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Corvettes

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 4th 2013 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:

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/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	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: 60 Years Of Corvettes	All scales, all types	Any Corvette subject. Trophies for Best Street and Racing versions.
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
People's Choice	Any model	In the contest

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GTR Event Calendar

August 4 6th Annual GTR SUMMER NNL
 Theme: 60 Years of Corvettes
 Algonquin Township building
 Crystal Lake, IL
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Aug 10-11 Road America ALMS and Grand Am
 Elkhart Lake, WI



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

Sep 14 Meadowdale Show
 Raceway Park Carpentersville, IL
 Mirpa.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 19 IPMS Glue Crew
 Howard Johnson Inn & Conf Center Wausau, WI
 Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

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

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

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

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
 Tinley Park H.S Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Show,
 Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI
 Call (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail) or email
jdunn07@centurytel.net
<http://www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com>



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International Plastic Modelers Society

2013 IPMS/USA Nationals:
 August 14-17 Loveland, CO
 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention TBD
 2014 50th Anniversary IPMS/USA
 Nationals at Hampton Roads, VA.