



# GTR

## Newsletter

### October 2013



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## GTR Auto Modelers

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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## REAL WORLD

### End of VW Kombi Microbus Production



Only Brazil still produces the classic 56-year-old VW camper van, but not for much longer. New ones can still be purchased, but the days of the Volkswagen Bus are numbered in Brazil, the only place the company still produces the vehicle. In December, the last VW Type 2 Bus, considered a classic the world over, will roll off the line in São Paulo. That's because the vehicle is no longer up-to-date, now that Brazil will require all new cars to have anti-lock braking systems (ABS) and airbags starting in 2014. These features are simply not feasible in the 56-year-old model, VW engineers say.

The first VW Buses were assembled in a large building near São Paulo in 1953. Four years later, Volkswagen do Brasil began series production. Hardly any other vehicle in the world has been manufactured for so long.

More than 1.5 million have been produced in the country. A new bus costs 47,000 real, or about €15,000 (\$19,700), making it the most inexpensive minibus on the market.



## INDUSTRY NEWS

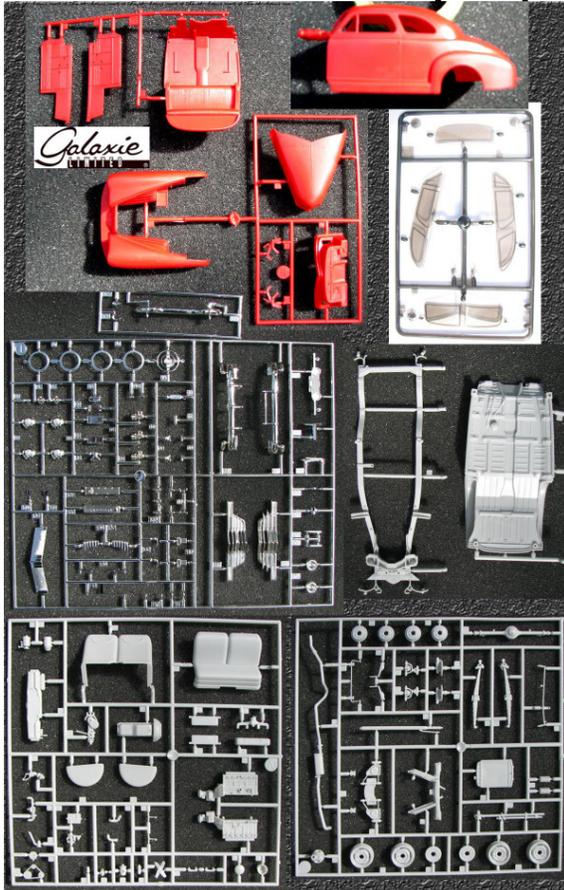
### Galaxie Limited 1948 Chevy Coupe



From the *Winnebago Auto Modelers Newsletter*

Winnebago Auto Modelers has received a test shot of the upcoming 1948 Chevrolet Coupe kit from Galaxie Limited. The photos show the kit parts (minus tires, taillights and decals) as they appear in this test run of the kit. The newly mastered coupe body will build a Fleetmaster or Stylemaster version of this 2 door closed car. Those familiar with the Galaxie Limited '48 Chevy kits, (the Aerosedan and the Sedan Delivery) will recognize the highly detailed chassis and 216 "Stovebolt" 6 cylinder, as well as the extra speed/drag racing parts found in the kits. Also included are grille options for a '46 or '47 version. The level of detail and precision of part scale fidelity and fit of these Galaxie kits becomes evident as soon as one starts cutting parts from the sprue "trees". You realize that the parts are connected by the smallest possible tabs, to lessen part cleanup and distortion. It soon becomes obvious that these kits were designed by a model builder for model builders. The new interior pan/back seat part has a modified package shelf from the Aerosedan piece, that when combined with the door panels and dashboard forms a complete interior "tub" that cleanly fits up into the underside of the body and provides a well detailed interior that is free of gaps or seams and replicates the 1:1 interior nicely. With this version, only the 4 door sedans, station wagon and cabriolet models are left in this series. One would think the convertible (cabriolet) would not be far behind the release of this coupe kit.

## Galaxie Limited 1948 Chevy Coupe



Below, an example of the real thing



And a real example at the Meadowdale show.

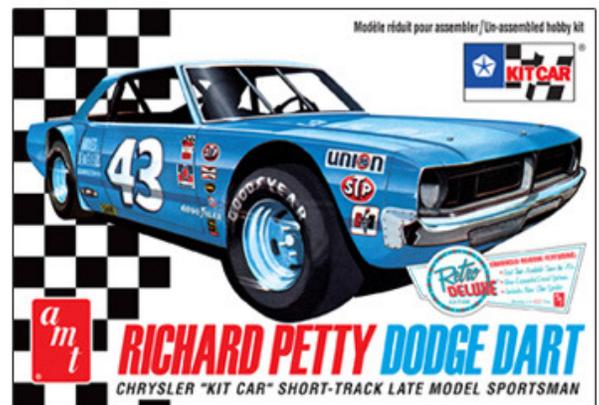


## Round 2 Releases

Round 2 has released the reissue of the AMC Pacer (member Dave Green already had an example at the last meeting).



And they also will be reissuing the Petty Dodge Dart Sportsman kit.



## EVENTS

### iHobby Expo

After one year away in Cleveland, the iHobby Expo, a national trade show for the hobby industry, returns to the Chicago area. It runs October 3-6 at the Schaumburg Convention Center, not in Rosemont. Public days are Saturday and Sunday. There will be Make and Takes, and Saturday Oct. 5 there is a contest hosted by IPMS.

### Iron Invasion Oct 11-13

This may not fit the core interests of GTR but the Iron Invasion event returns to Woodstock again this year. This is for vintage hot rods and rat rods, along with tattoos, rockabilly music and pin up girls.

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

## 2014 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL

GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 3, 2014 at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 50 Years of Pony Cars. We have been approved by IPMS and the new flyers were first distributed at the Wheaton Dupage Swap Meet.

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. I will start adding 2014 events next issue.



## GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, October 5 at the Algonquin Township Building. We will talk about plans for the next GTR Summer NNL, the Christmas party and our 2014 IPMS chapter renewal. Bring in your comments and ideas along with your kits and projects.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building.

We are planning to do several photo shoots for the 2014 GTR Club Calendar throughout the year. Steve took more photos at the September 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.

## GTR at Wheaton Swap

GTR had a club table at the Wheaton swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds on September 22. It was in the smaller building, and it looks like all future shows will be in the smaller hall as well. There was a good crowd, this time I bought a lot more than I sold and still left some cool stuff behind.

## 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 gtrchab@yahoo.com

## GTR is on Facebook



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We now have over 80 friends.

## 2013 GTR Club Project

To promote the NNL and to motivate members to build, the GTR club project this year was Corvettes. If you finished a Corvette by the NNL in August, brought it to a meeting, the NNL or sent a photo to me your 2013 dues were refunded! There were five completed Corvettes that took advantage of this.



Larry Fulhorst: 1/43 Greenwood Corvette



Chuck Herrmann: Jimmy Flintstone resin Corvette sedan delivery body on Revell 1968 Corvette donor.



Chuck Herrmann: Revell C5 Vette Surf Rod



Gary Dobson: Revell C5 Daytona 24 Hours car.

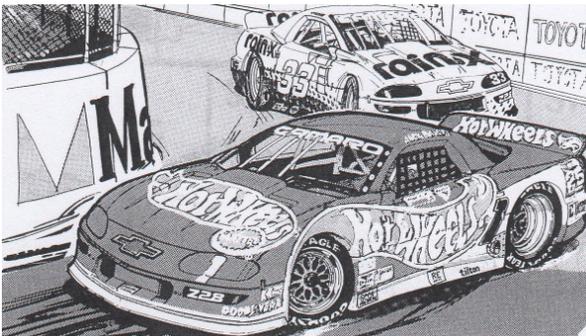


Steve Jahnke: AMT 2009 Indy Parade car.

## 2014 GTR Club Project



The 2014 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 50 Years of Pony Cars. Finish a Pony Car between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me and your 2014 dues will be refunded!



So start planning and building! Let's get more built project models next year.

## September Meeting

The September 2013 regular GTR meeting was held Saturday, September 7 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report and the mailbag, we talked about last month's GTR Summer NNL, and started to think of tweaks for next year. We approved hosting a Christmas Party at the December regular meeting. Then it was on to Show and Tell, here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

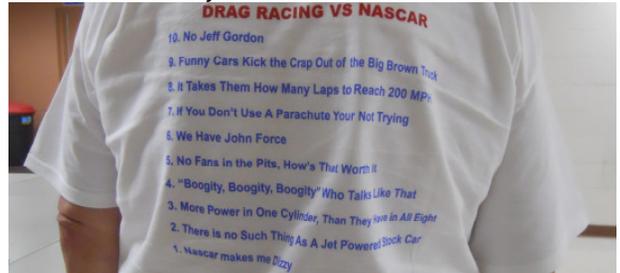
**Larry Fulhorst:** his (see project photos) 1/43 Vette, an old 1/25 AMT 1968 McLaren built by a friend, (see cover) and two 1/32 slot cars, a Chaparral 2G, and



an early version Porsche 917.



**John Walczak:** just the shirt on his back.....



**Steve Jahnke:** three painted bodies, Ferrari 308



68 Mustang, and a



2011 Mustang.



**Dave Green:** Lots of new stuff, including two 57 Ford versions, also



some old IMC kits from a recent swap meet.



**Dave Edgcomb:** a 1/24 resin kit of a 1962 BRM type 57 by Fernando Pinto, also



a diecast McLaren LeMans winner and finally a



1/20 scale Tamiya Porsche 935 kit.



**Gerry Paquette:** A Historic Racing Miniatures Cobra Daytona kit.



**Chuck Herrmann:** Revell 26 Ford Surf Rod,



and a project, the AMT Fiat Topolino body on a Revell Lil' John Butera frame with a V8 Ferrari engine from the Revell California kit.



# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

## IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We had enough National IPMS members last time, but we always can use some more. And the annual renewal process is approaching, it starts in October. 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).

The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up, link to it through the IPMS/USA page.

# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri  
Kansas City, MO

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

2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in  
Columbus, OH

## Meadowdale Show

The **Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show** was held Saturday, Sept. 14 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville, IL. This is a car show on the remains of the old Meadowdale Raceway. GTR had a club display under the tent. The weather was great; there was a good turnout of all types of cars, not just vintage racers. The event is hosted by MIRPA, the Meadowdale International Raceway Preservation Association. While there are a lot of race cars, the show is also open to street cars, and features product displays and appearances by veteran drivers.



The GTR tent



GTR models and literature were on display.



## Meadowdale Car Show



GTR's own Ed Sexton and his Mustang



There were a lot of Corvettes to celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vette.



This Vette ran Sebring in 1958!



This Nissan was driven back in the day by this year's special guest, John Morton.



LeMans/ALMS Cadillac prototype.



Pair of Panteras



Aston Martin, but no 007.....

# First Look: Tamiya Porsche 934



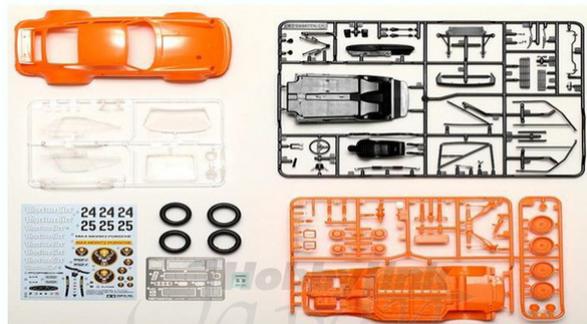
**Description:** Porsche Turbo RSR Type 934  
**Mfg:** Tamiya **Kit#:** 24328 **Scale:** 1/24

Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

**Subject:** The Porsche 934 was a GT class race car developed by Porsche for the 1976 racing season. It was manufactured for two years, 1976 and 1977, with at least 400 being manufactured. It won the European GT Championship, while in the U.S., with George Follmer at the wheel it became the Trans-Am champion. It continued to win races throughout the late 1970s. It also raced at all the famous endurance races, Lemans, Sebring and Daytona for a multitude of teams in a wide variety of paint schemes.

**Kit:** Tamiya has released a wide variety of Porsche GT racers over the years but not the 934, so this fills a gap. The design and engineering of the kit are similar to other Porsche kits by Tamiya and Fujimi, especially the Tamiya 935s.

This kit is a curbside design, with no engine other than the engraved bottom pan on the chassis. There is a full interior in this kit; it is not adapted from an electric toy with the filled in interior tub.

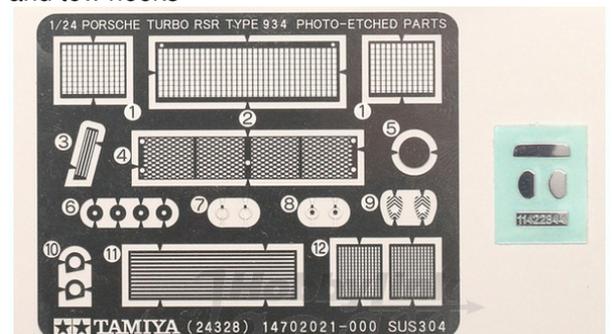


Everything comes nicely packaged, usual Tamiya quality with typical Tamiya instructions.



One thing that may cause a problem is the orange plastic the body parts come molded in. This is fine if you want to do the box art version, but other colors may need careful priming to cover the orange. My plans are to do the 1976 George Follmer Trans Am car, which is white so I'll see.

This latest kit includes a nice photoetch sprue, with added details for the grills, fuel caps and tow hooks



Decals are a nice sheet including the markings for the Jagermeister car as run in Europe. Seat belts are decals.

Studio 27 does a nice set of additional photo etch detail parts, and there are many decal sheets becoming available. Such as the Studio 27 Follmer Trans Am set. So we can expect to see these in many different markings soon.



# GTR Event Calendar

October 3-6 iHobby Expo  
(Public Days Sat & Sun, Contest on Saturday)  
Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

Iron Invasion Oct 11-13  
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock IL  
[www.ironinvasion.com](http://www.ironinvasion.com)

Oct 5 National NNL Toledo

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

October 26 Circle City Modelers 19<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Contest & Swap Meet  
Knights of Columbus Hall Indianapolis IN  
Cgbeach1221954@yahoo.com

Nov 9 IPMS/Butch O'Hare  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Contest & Swap  
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove IL  
[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)

November 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park H.S Tinley Park, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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

## More Meadowdale Photos....

