



GTR's 15th
Anniversary
1999-2014

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GTR Auto Modelers

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2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

INDUSTRY NEWS

At our June meeting Revell's Ed Sexton brought in display boards with two new releases, the Revell US release of the Ferrari LaFerrari kit, also the all new tooling for the Revell 1967 Camaro.



Revell also will be releasing the 2015 Mustang, first seen at the Detroit Auto Show Make & take, to the market as a simplified snap kit.

EVENTS

There are two major local events this month (on the same weekend!) and GTR will be at both of them.

The NIMCON 3 hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers will be Saturday, July 12 at McHenry County College on Route 14 in Crystal Lake. This is an IPMS all category show, for the Automotive classes the winner will be picked NNL style, with participants voting for the trophy awards. GTR will have a club display table as well as a club table in the vendor area.

The next day, Sunday July 13 is the Attack of the Plastics show at Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan WI. GTR will have a club table on the vendor area.

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.

2014 7th 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 are accepting trophy sponsorships (\$35) and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.



Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014

By our fourth year as a club, GTR was honored as the 2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year.

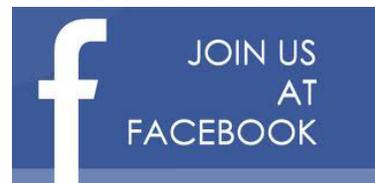
GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, July 5 at the Algonquin Township Building.

The 2014 GTR Club Calendar is still available! Cost is \$10 to GTR members. We have sold out but since they are printed on demand we can get as many as we need. Contact Steve or Chuck if you are interested.

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



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up!

2014 GTR Club Project



The 2014 GTR Club Project again reflects 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!



For the June meeting, I brought in a Mustang Cobra II IMSA racer. This car competed in IMSA GT racing beginning in 1976. My kit is from the Testors resissue of what I believe was the Nitto kit, one of those Japanese electric motorized kits that means the interior tub is not complete due to needing to hide the electric motor and batteries. But the body is pretty accurate, from the time when the big bolt on IMSA fenders were the hot look. I built this one many years ago so it was not eligible for the project due refund. I left it in polished white plastic with a bit of weathering. I can't remember why I used the number 21 instead of the more historically accurate number 23.

Time is running out, so get building! Let's get more built project models this year!

June GTR Meeting

The June GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, June 8 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report, during the business portion we discussed the new club T-shirts and details for our upcoming Summer NNL as well as other local events.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

Steve Jahnke: Steve brought two completed sports cars by Tamiya. First was a 1987 Porsche 911.



Also an 89 Toyota Supra, painted in GM Nassau Blue.



He also is working on another Tamiya kit, the Porsche 959 with a metallic silver paint scheme.



Darrin Gilligan: Revell Military Hummer



George Pritzen: George had his completed Testors Lincoln Mint Dodge Charger Daytona.



John Walczak: A good looking AMT 1953 Studebaker.



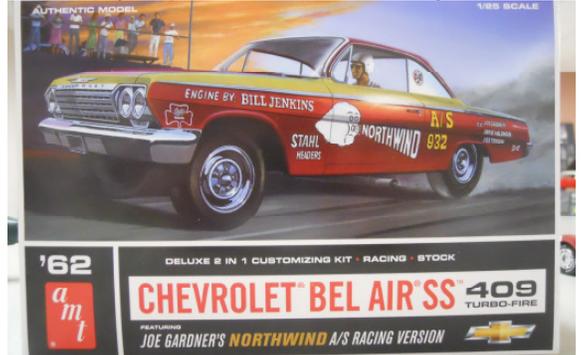
Dave Green: Dave brought in the Round 2 Jetsons kit, "for something different".



Dave also brought in the recent Revell 90 Mustang in process being built as a Michigan State police pursuit car using aftermarket decals,



And finally the newest AMT 62 Chevy kit



Dave Edgecomb: Dave had a RSC Diecast Plymouth Mopar Missile.



He improved some engine bay details. And a



diecast 2013 Mercedes SLS from Minichamps.



Also an early Porsche 911 Kit, the Fujimi Enthusiasts kit



He is working some body corrections.



And the latest version of the Tyrrell P34 by Fujimi, from the 1977 Japan Grand Prix.



Chuck Herrmann: The Aurora Ferrari 250 GT (see cover and the feature article, also Testor's Mustang Cobra discussed in the project section, and a Monogram 1975 Corvette, bought in a parts bag at the Cedarville show, prepainted and just built back as slammer with 80's Vette wheels.



MUSTANG 1

The Very First Mustang



While 1964 marks the 50th Anniversary of the release of the production Ford Mustang, which introduced the Pony Car class to the automotive world (and which is the theme, 50 Years of Pony Cars, of our 2014 Summer GTR NNL) the very first Mustang was quite different from the eventual production Pony car.

The brainchild of Lee Iacocca, Ford came up with the Mustang I, a four-cylinder, mid-engine two-seater convertible concept car, in order to transform Ford's family-car image to also appeal to what is now known as the new baby-boomer generation.



The car made its public debut in front of a capacity crowd during the U.S. Grand Prix weekend in October 1962. Racing legend Dan Gurney had the honors of taking the Mustang I for its first laps around the historic Watkins Glen course. It was the event that gained international media attention and kick started the Mustang (and eventually the Pony Car) movement.



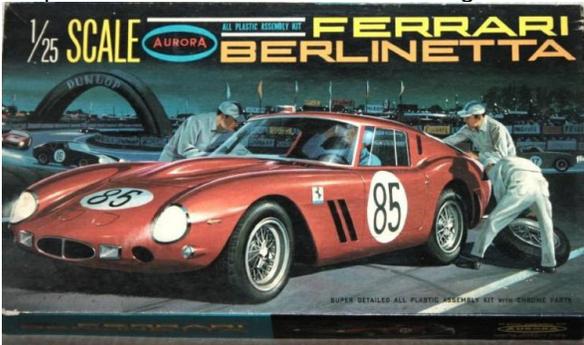
Vintage Kit Rebuild: Aurora's Ferrari 250 GTO



Description: Ferrari 250 GTO
Mfg: Aurora **Kit#:** ?? **Scale:** 1/24
 by Chuck Herrmann

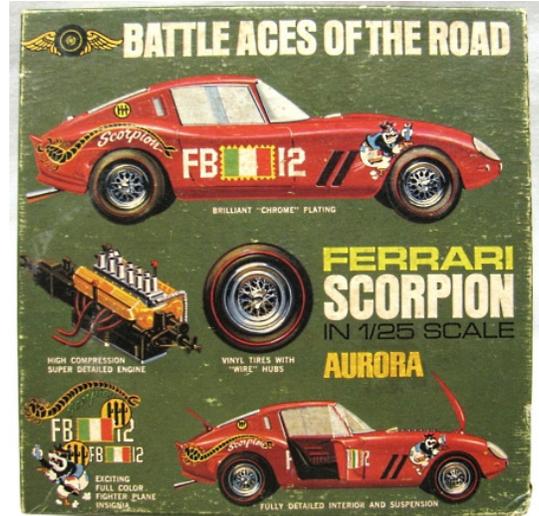


Subject: The Ferrari 250 GTO has become one of the most famous (and expensive) of all Ferraris. Launched in 1962 as a GT class racer, it won many races around the world in the early 60's. At the time there numerous model kits and slot car replicas which remain highly collectible despite several more accurate kits designed later.



The Kit: Aurora released a Ferrari 250 GT in the late 60's, which has long since been unavailable with the demise of Aurora and the loss of the tooling. At the DuPage swap meet last February I found a built up example in a bag, with some other stuff I eventually bargained to get it for part of a package deal for \$10, this one kit probably cost me \$4. I am not sure which of the releases it originally was as there was no box nor

instructions so it could be either the first release above or this later version below.



Either one would cost upwards of \$70 so I got a bargain. Or did I? To find out I proceeded to get to work on my "barn find", like the real one seen here.



The Build: My glue bomb kit turned out to be in pretty bad shape. It was built up but fortunately only the chassis and engine were painted, not the body.



There was a lot of glue on the body and clear glass but eventually most of the pieces were found in the bag and the chrome was in pretty good condition.

In doing these kit restorations a big challenge is getting it disassembled without too much damage. I assume this build was done years ago, pre super glue as most of it came apart smoothly.

The photo below shows the pieces once disassembled.



As noted the body was never painted so I did not have to strip paint. But I had to sand all the glue marks off. Also the lower front fascia did not fit well so it had a large gap to fill which went well. The right front windshield post did break in removing the glass. But after sanding the body and fixing the window post and front end it was ready for priming.

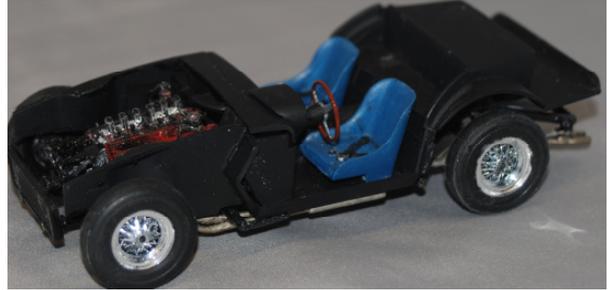


Eventually I decided to go with yellow over the red plastic as the final color. So I sprayed Plasti Kote White primer then Gray primer, sanding it smooth before two coats of Testors Lacquer 28104 Chrysler Yellow PY3. All spraying was from rattle cans. I polished it out to get a fairly glossy finish, good for a patina replica finish.



The kit featured opening doors, hood and trunk. I left the doors as is, but I glued the hood and trunk shut. This was because there were a number of details missing, especially from the engine bay, so I went with a curbside build style.

One of the door hinges broke during prep but it still worked.



The chassis and engine were glued together and painted flat black. The design of this kit saw a lot of little fiddly bits and some were missing. This was especially true of the suspension, see the "before" pictures and note the wheels are askew. I decided to shore the suspension up by using brass rod as the axle, like on promo models, and I covered that up with some sheet plastic. Since I was really just trying to get a nice curbside model this worked okay. The engine was missing a lot of the plumbing pieces related to the radiator hoses and fuel lines by the injectors, which do not look very accurate so I painted it all black and glued the hood shut.

In the interior I cleaned up a lot of glue markings, painted the dashboard details and added wood grain paint to the steering wheel. The seats I painted blue. I used some very old Pactra XF-8 Flat Insignia Blue to match the colors I saw on photos of 60's era Ferraris. It was neat to use some old paint (note the 35 cents list price!) on a vintage kit.



The finished chassis is below. I left the chrome oil pan, exhaust is Testors Jet Exhaust, and the separate fuel tank was sprayed aluminum and weathered with black by The Detailer. The exhaust tips were missing but I found some in the parts box that I was able to fit. As you can see the wheels look a bit askew but I was able to straighten them later. The chrome wire wheels were surprisingly intact after forty plus years, and all four knockoffs were in the bag.

The rubber skinny tires were usable so I was able to clean them up and use them.



While I was able to polish up most of the glue from the original glass, I could not get it all off. And the fit was difficult, I must have repositioned the pillar a bit off, so it broke again. I did the window trim in black instead of chrome foil due to the fit issues.



The front headlights were marred by a lot of glue which due to the convex shape I couldn't get cleaned up. The chrome headlight bezels were in great shape. I glued the lenses on and covered the flaws with electrical tape protector tapes.



The front chrome grille was salvageable. The two front driving lights found on the real car were missing so I was forced to leave them off.



In back the chrome taillight pieces were there so I painted them with clear red and orange paint from Tamiya. The gas cap was missing but I
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adapted a chrome piece I found in the spares box. I had an aftermarket set of Ferrari license plates from Miniature Autobits which I added to the rear. I did buy a nice sheet of Ferrari Prancing Horse logos at the last Ferrari Expo for the front fenders but of course now I can't find them! They should turn up eventually. For the number decals I used the ones from the Monogram Ferrari 275P kit.



So now I have a restored collectible kit of a classic Ferrari. I have done several of these glue bomb rebuilds. It is a neat feeling to bring vintage kits back to life.



Was it worth it to do a rebuild instead of buying an unbuilt kit? The result is a decent shelf model. This kit does have issues, like the finicky fit and the body lines that look a little stubby from the windshield forward. So I probably would not pay a lot for a new kit. Since it was not meant to be a contest quality build I am satisfied with the results.



2014 GTR Summer NNL

7th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Pony Cars

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 3th 2014 from 9:00AM 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: 50 Years Of Pony Cars	All scales, all types	US, front engine, rear drive Pony Cars. Specifically: Mustang, Camaro, Firebird, Barracuda, Challenger, Javelin, Cougar (RWD only). No Corvettes, AMX, etc. Trophies for Best Street and Racing versions.
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

July 12 NIMCON III
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
lakesregionmodelers.com/NIMCON

July 13 Attack of the Plastic
Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan WI
Rick Allan 262-728-5003

July 27 Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

August 3 GTR SUMMER NNL 7
Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars
Algonquin Township Building
Crystal Lake, IL
www.gtrchab@yahoo.com

Aug 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Hampton VA
www.ipmsusa.org

Aug 10 TUDOR Sportscars Championship
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

Aug 17 Milwaukee IndyFest Indycar Series
State Fair Park, Milwaukee WI

Sep. 28 64th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 1-4 iHobby Expo
Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Oct 11-12 Toledo Swap & NNL

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

Nov 1 IPMS/ Glue Crew 2014
Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center
Wausau WI Joseph Drew

Nov 2 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 8 IPMS/ Butch O'Hare Annual Contest
Lakeview Jr. High School
701 Plainfield Rd.
John Bishop 630-904-2819

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Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



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. 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.

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

The details for the 2015 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention have been announced, it will be September 12 in St Louis hosted by IPMS/Gateway chapter.



August 6-9 2014 50th Anniversary
IPMS/USA Nationals at Hampton, VA.
Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri
Kansas City, MO
2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in
Columbus, OH
September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5
Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway
St Louis, MO