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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

INDUSTRY NEWS

There were several kit announcements at the Spielwarenmesse Toy Fair in Nuremberg, Germany that took place last month. It's the venue of choice for hobby kit manufacturers to show off their latest plastic projects to an international audience.



Pocher has recently announced a new 1/8th Mercedes 300SL will be available soon for your BIG scale pleasure. The boiler plate indicates it will be made up of over 1500 highly detailed components and the body will be pre-painted die-cast metal. Rumor has it that the kit is a "badge engineered" DeAgostini "partwork" model sold in piecemeal installments for over a year now through that outfit.

Tamiya



There were several new announcements by Tamiya. The Ferrari FXX K in 1/24 is the current version of the Ferrari private racing series car, with hundreds of intricately detailed parts. Also on display were two additional detail sets and a carbon fiber decal sheet.



The new 1/12th Repsol Honda RC213V 14 motorcycle kit is the bike that Mac Marquez raced to another MotoGP World Championship in 2014.

Moebius



Moebius will be releasing a 1/25th injected-molded kit of the latest iteration of the Batmobile. This is the vehicle from the forthcoming film, *Batman v. Super-man* and has a detailed interior/cockpit.

EBBRO



Ebbro has once again has announced an unexpected subject matter for their next release, a Brabham Honda BT18 F2 in 1/20. I assume their rationale is the Honda engine connection. Jack Brabham won eleven consecutive Formula Two races in Europe in 1966 in this car.



Here is the real thing.

MEDIA

Movie star Jackie Chan becomes Le Mans team owner motorsport.com

Martial arts movie star Jackie Chan is a founding partner in the BAXI DC Racing team that dominated the LMP3 class of the Asian Le Mans Series in the 2015/16 season. Drivers Ho-Pin Tung, team co-owner David Cheng and France's Thomas Laurent drove a Ligier JS P3 to four wins out of four to easily claim the class title. It has been announced they were accepted in the 60-car entry list for this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans. The team will campaign an Alpine A460-Nissan in LMP2, again with Cheng and Tung as two of the drivers in the lineup.

Thus Chan joins the likes of Steve McQueen, Paul Newman and more recently, Patrick Dempsey, as a film and TV star to become a participant in the French around-the-clock classic. "I will support Chinese motorsport and driver development," said Chan, "so I created the team together with David Cheng. I look forward to personally attending this year's Le Mans 24 hour race to support my team"

REAL WORLD

HAAS F1 Team makes Track Debut



From motorsport.com

Formula 1's newest team Haas F1 unveiled its first car ahead of its first public running at Barcelona. The Ferrari-powered challenger, named VF-16, is the result of more than two years of effort from the American outfit as it enters grand prix racing for the first time.

The origin of naming the car "VF-16" goes back to the first CNC machine manufactured by Haas Automation, the VF-1, launched in 1988. The "V" stands for vertical, which is an industry standard designation for a vertical mill. Gene Haas, founder of Haas Automation, added "F1" to the name to unofficially designate it as the company's "Very First One".

As well as being powered by Ferrari, the team whose European headquarters are in Banbury, England also has a close technical collaboration with Ferrari, and uses their wind tunnel.

"Our goal with this car is to score points," team boss Guenther Steiner said. "First, we need to go out there and show that we can do the job, that we can finish races, that we are respected by the

fans and other teams in the paddock. Then, we want to score points. That is the ultimate goal."

The new car will be driven by Esteban Gutierrez, who is returning to F1 after a year as [Ferrari](#) test driver, and Romain Grosjean who has joined from the former Lotus team.

The Haas team completed a substantial number of test laps with the new car at Barcelona after some early issues for a successful launch.

EVENTS

March 19 GTR will have a table at the Ferrari Expo at CONTINENTAL AUTO SPORTS in Hinsdale IL. This is a great chance to see great exotic machinery up close, also there is once again the model contest for Italian and sports/racing cars/

March 13 is the Cedarville Model Toy Show, GTR will have a vendor table and the usual large contest will be held.

March 4-6 in conjunction with the World of Wheels car show at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont will be the first ever Brushmasters Model Car Contest.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. We always encourage 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.

IPMS Calendar

APR 2 2016 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS/Fort Crook
Strategic Air and Space Museum Ashland, NE
scott.hackney@cox.net

AUG 3-6 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia, South Carolina
www.ipmsusa2016.com

JUL 26-29 2017 IPMS/USA Nationals
Omaha, NE

2016 GTR Club Project



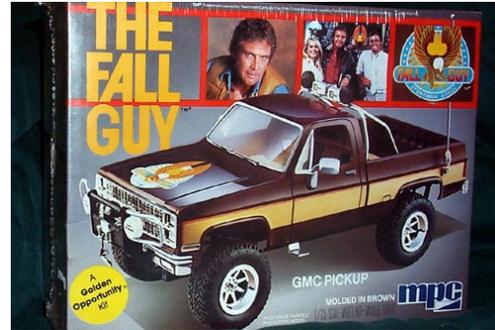
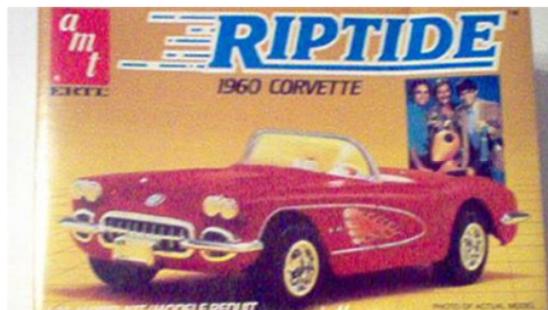
The 2016 GTR Club Project Build will once again be the models fitting our GTR Summer NNL Themes, for 2016 TV & Movie Cars and CanAm 50th Anniversary. I will be putting some inspiration kits in this space to get you planning and building.

For the February meeting I brought in this Solido diecast metal 1/43 kit of the Porsche 917 from 1973.



Also the finished MAGNUM PI Ferrari 308 on the cover and reviewed elsewhere this issue.

Here are some more TV and Movie kits.





News

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, March 5, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

2016 GTR Club dues are now due, still \$15. Please pay at a meeting or mail a check to me (please make out to Chuck Herrmann, *not* GTR).

GTR will have a club tables at the Cedarville event and at the Ferrari Expo this month. All members are invited to bring stuff to sell or just hang out.

T-Shirts: We have club T-shirts available. The cost is \$10 to GTR members. If you ordered one and have not yet picked it up you can next meeting. And we did order a few extras so you can get one while they last.

We still have some of the black 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available. We will be selling these off at the bargain price of \$5. Let me know if you want one, only a few left and once they are gone they are gone.

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 on Facebook

GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.



February GTR Meeting

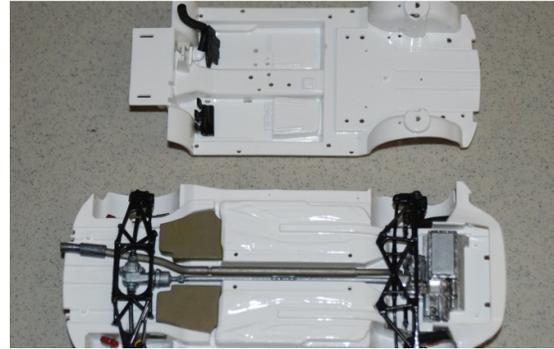
The February GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, 2/6/2016 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion, we went over the Treasury Report, and we discussed

upcoming events. We approved club vendor tables at the NIMCON event.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. There was a lot of stuff on the table, here are some.

Chuck Herrmann had two GTR project kits, a Solido 1/43 Porsche 917 Can Am white metal kit and a completed Revell Magnum PI Ferrari, see the review article elsewhere this issue.

Also the in progress build of the BelKits VW Polo WRC kit reviewed last issue,



Also two vintage survivor models, an AMT 1962 Pontiac Bonneville convertible and an MPC 1969 Pontiac Grand Prix. These are being cleaned up for someone who owns an actually 69 Grand Prix after being left out on display for many years.



Steve Jahnke had two projects in paint stage, a Fujimi Ferrari F355 Challenge, and



this Revell Audi R8 Spyder



Mark Minter brought in several of his great custom builds.



His latest is this 41 Willys.



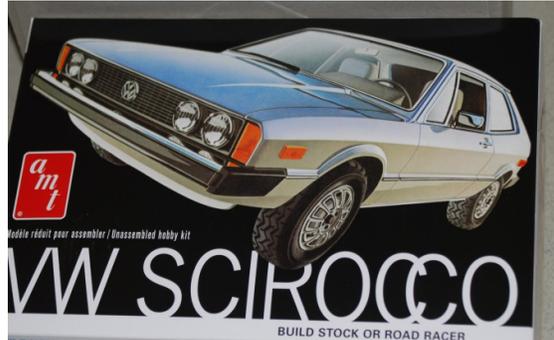
Earl Spiegelburg is a visitor who showed us his fantastic 1/12 mostly scratchbuilt and kit bashed chopper motorcycle.



Gerry Paquette displayed his in progress Revell 57 Del Rio, which will use a resin sedan delivery body.



He also had the latest VW Scirocco reissue, and



the new Revell Camaro ZL1 kit.



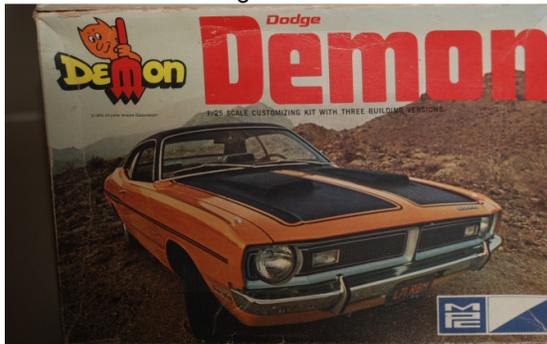
George Pritzen showed off his completed build of the Revell prepainted Camaro kit.



Dave Green had a new Plymouth Duster short track stock car reissue by AMT, and an old issue built up kit to compare. Seems the decals were wrong then and are still wrong!



Dave also showed more recent vintage kit finds; here is the MPC Dodge Demon.



Also one of his Holy Grail kits, the 1970 Mustang Grande, this is an original issue with groovy 70's artwork on the box.



Dave Edgecomb had the new EBBRO McLaren Honda from the 2015 season very, a nice kit of a spectacularly unsuccessful car. Again it is obviously the Japanese connection with the Honda engine that greenlighted this subject.



Also the new Foose Corvette kit from Revell.



Tips & Tools

All club members as well as all GTR newsletter and Facebook fans are welcome to submit ideas and photos of tools, products and techniques other car modelers might find of interest.

Checking your Builds via Enlarged Photos

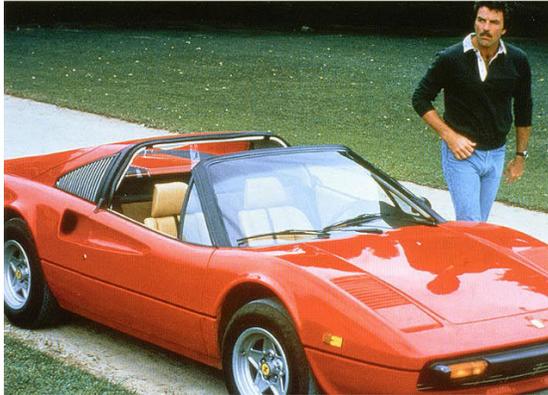
By Chuck Herrmann

During a project it is easy to get wrapped in the thrill of the build and think it came out great. But sometimes there are some issues that are overlooked at first glance. Shooting photos for the newsletter has pointed that out. For the Magnum Ferrari review, this photo of the car, from an angle not seen on the workbench and enlarged, showed some sloppy paint line on the window trim. How could I have missed that? It has since been cleaned up.



In the past this has really helped out on smaller scale subjects. Some 1/43 figures looked good on the base next to a model, enlarging the photo several times looked like I painted them after way too many beers!

Building Revell's Magnum PI Ferrari 308



Description: Magnum PI Ferrari 308
Mfg: Revell **Kit:** 7378 **Scale:** 1/24

By: Chuck Herrmann

Subject: Magnum PI was an TV action show that ran from 1980 to 1988 on the CBS network. The concept revolved around an ex-Navy Seal private investigator Thomas Magnum (in the role that made Tom Selleck a huge star) who worked security on the Hawaii estate of wealthy recluse author Robin Masters. The Hawaiian setting was also a big draw for the show. And Selleck drove a red Ferrari 308 in the show that also gained a lot of popularity. Even now it is commonly referred to as the Magnum Ferrari.

Interestingly, the creators of the show initially wanted to use a Porsche 928. But Porsche refused to allow the car to have an extra-large sunroof for the many aerial shots planned, so the Ferrari with removable sunroof was used instead.

There were three different versions of the 308 used throughout the run of the series. The first two seasons featured a 308 GTS. This was upgraded to a 1981 GTSi, then finally the last several years utilized a 308 GTS QV. In addition to the performance upgrades, such as moving from Weber carbs on the GTS to fuel injection on the GTSi, there were appearance changes. Season One's GTS had one black mirror, no front hood vent, red vents behind the headlights. Season Two and Three used the GTSi, with black vents behind the headlights. And for the rest of the series the 1984 GTSi Quattrovalvole QV featured the black vents on the hood and a black spoiler on the rear of the roof panel. Besides the "real" Ferraris used in the filming there apparently were several kits cars used for scenes causing serious damage, with fiberglass bodies mounted to Pontiac Fiero platforms.

Since Selleck was 6' 4" tall, the cars had to be modified by removing all seat padding and bolting the seats as far from the steering wheel

as possible. Also that is why almost every scene shows him driving without the removable sunroof.



Kit: Revell cashed in on the popularity of the show by reissuing their 308 GTS kit with the Magnum licensed packaging in 1982. It is a full detail kit, with an engine and represents the earliest car as seen in the first season.



It comes molded in red and black plastic, with clear glass and a small decal sheet. The only decal specific to the show is the MAGNUM license plate.



The biggest issue with the kit is that it comes as a hardtop, or at least with the removable top molded shut. Also this kit shows its age with poor fit and a simplified design. In design it comes across like a Nitto or ESCI style. My inspiration to build it was finding a bagged kit at the GTR Summer NNL last year, it fit our 2016 theme of TV and Movie cars and it was only \$5. So the build was on!

First step was test fitting the major pieces. The body featured opening "hood" (tire compartment) and "trunk" (engine compartment) as well as operating flip up headlights. All of these features resulted in significant gaps and pool looking fits. And the engine, while complete, was not great. So I decided right away to do this as a curbside, no engine and gluing all the body parts shut. Plus my kit was missing one of the headlight covers, so I had to mock it up from sheet plastic. To fill the gaps I added strips of sheet stock around the edges of the body openings and glued everything closed.



The white plastic is seen here.



The 3 liter V-8 engine was better suited for another project.



The body glued up and primed, below. Note that the roof has been removed to represent the way the real car invariably appeared in the show. There was a mold line along the rear to represent the removable panel, in front I had to be a bit more careful. The glass was one piece so I had to cut out the rear section leaving only the windscreen and side vent windows.



The interior built up off a floor panel. I painted it with Krylon Satin Brown Boots aerosol with flat black floors and trim.



The side panels attached to the side of the body. Of course the mounting points were inexact; I anticipated a problem so I used liquid glue there and the dash (which attached to the underside of the cowl area on the body) as I was doing the final assembly so it could be positioned correctly while the glue was still pliable.

The wheels were red plastic, primer and Testors Metal Master Metalizer Lacquer

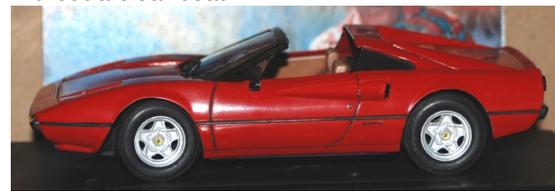
Aluminum Plate worked pretty good. I did need to lower the front a bit to get a good stance. The front steering is poseable. The center logos were on the decal sheet, but all the decals blew up in water so I found some on a sheet in the spares pile that worked.



Here is the final test fitting before paint.



I used Testors Model Master 28109 Italian Red Lacquer from a rattle can, polished out without a clear coat.



The license plate used in most episodes was ROBIN 1, obviously Magnum's employer's vanity plate. The kit decal sheet only comes with a MAGNUM plate, so I found a photo on the internet which I copied and shrunk until it was the correct size. Then I mounted it on a parts box license frame and attached to the rear body panel. I also added an aluminum tubing exhaust tip to replace an item missing from my bargain kit.

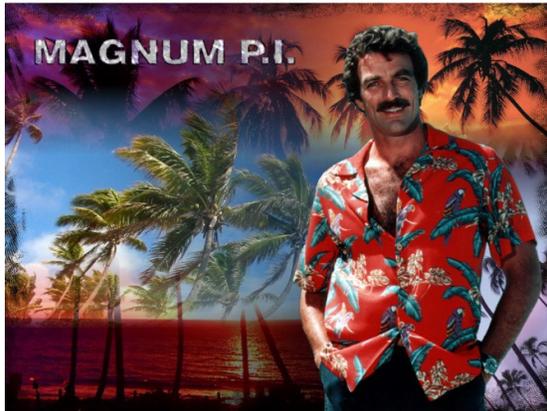


Summary



The end result is a fair looking table display model. This kit really shows its age compared to other more recent designs. So I would not recommend it unless you want it for nostalgic reasons. It was interesting to delve into the history of the show, even though I was not really a fan when it aired.

Magnum Ferrari Extra



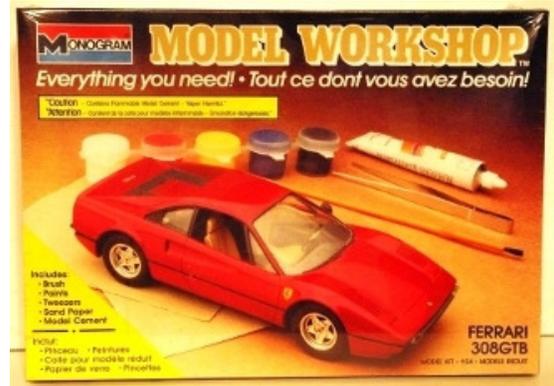
Revell cashed in on the show's popularity, reissuing other kits with the Magnum PI licensing.



Too bad the helicopter was in not in 1/24 scale.



There were earlier versions of the kit, before the TV show became a hit.

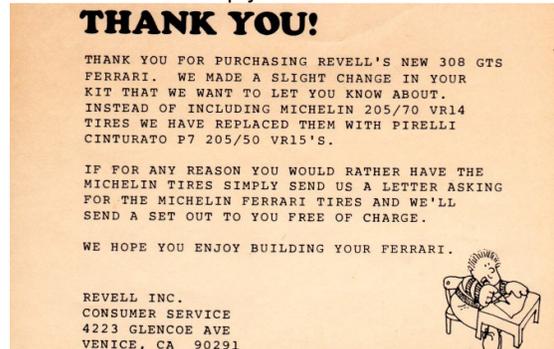


The real thing from the show.



Here is what the later version looked like, 1984 GTSi Quattrovalvole QV.

Extra: This note was included with the kit. Wonder what the reply would be if I mailed it in?



Stamps were 20 cents in 1982.

Aoshima Chevy Cruze WTCC Kit Review



Description: Chevrolet Cruze (1.6T) 2012
2012 WTCC (World Touring Car Championship)
World Champion

Mfg: Aoshima **Kit:** 1211 **Scale:** 1/24
By: Elliot Doering

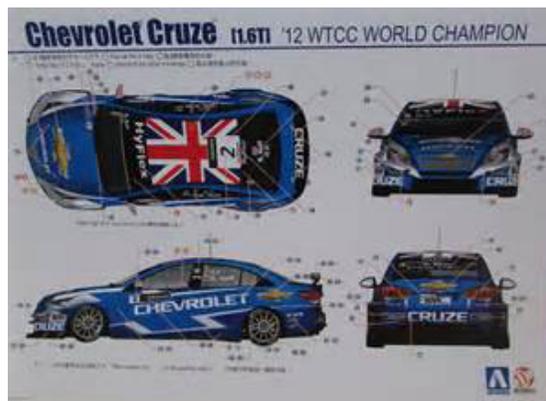
For many years, model car builders have often wondered "WHAT IF"? What if a well-respected, internationally known Japanese company, of Tamiya-like quality, were to produce a kit of an American car? For years, we'd asked Tamiya to consider doing an American NASCAR kit, to no avail.

Recently, while reading thru the monthly newsletter produced by the GTR, I discovered a short blurb about a new 1/24 kit produced by the Japanese company – Aoshima. Ever since Ford Motor Company decided to enter the grueling and demanding World Rallye Championship, with their Ford Focus, and doing extremely well with at that, considerable attention has been placed on American cars, by Japanese companies.

The GTR blurb I read went on to say that Aoshima had just released a kit of the Chevrolet Cruze, which won the 2012 World Touring Car Championship. Excited, I went looking to see if there was any way to obtain this kit, short of having to get one out of Japan. The kit is actually made in Japan by Aoshima, but distributed via its distributor – Beemax, out of Macau. Hunting on the Internet located the kit, and I soon ordered it. It's not cheap, but then what kit is these days? You can acquire one from several different U.S. distributors for about \$39.

Let's examine the kit: The kit gives you three driver options to choose from – either driver Huff, Menu, or Muller. On the roof of the model, you get to choose from decals of a British, Swiss, or French nationality driver's flag. There is a full-color rendering for decal placement, but only for the Huff driven car. Decals themselves are in full register, glossy, and crisply printed by Cartograph, (the industry standard these days, found in all hi-quality kits) and include all markings for the three options. There are three

sheets of decals, enclosed in a clear envelope for safe keeping.

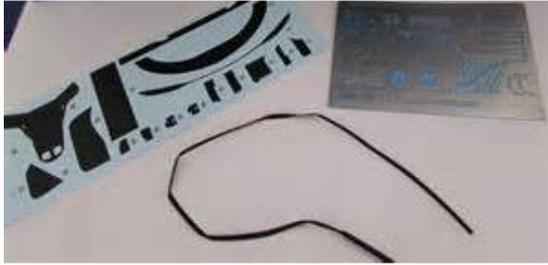


A chart is given, showing all the paint colors needed for this model. Unfortunately, it calls out "Mr. Color" paints, which are hard to locate in the USA, but it's easy to find alternative paints for the colors needed, using Testor's, Model Master, Humbrol, Metalizer, or Tamiya paints.

On the back of the instruction booklet, is a detailed parts layout for the seven trees that comprise the makeup of the kit. Each tree is in its own protective clear bag. You also get a small fret of photo-etch parts, and wire mesh for the grille openings. A sheet of masking seals, of the same quality as Tamiya, is included for the masking off of the window frames. Tires are real rubber, low profile racing slicks. There's also a tree of chrome-plated parts for the headlights. The chrome is extremely well done, bright and shiny.

The front page of the instruction booklet gives a short but detailed analysis of the history of the car. The only downside to this kit, like many Japanese kits, is that the kit does not include the 1.6 liter, turbo-charged, 4-cylinder motor. What a shame! Thus, the car becomes a racing curbside model.

Construction covers 16 assembly blocks, & begins with the chassis plate, then front suspension. Nice coil-over shocks and disc brakes with detailed calipers are included. The front and rear suspension pieces are all well molded in detail. A very nice exhaust pipe and muffler can are included too.



The small P/E fret includes buckles for a full shoulder harness and lap belt. Instructions call for using thin paper for the webbing material of the belt straps, and a guide for cutting the proper lengths is included. But... for those lacking good P/E skills, Aoshima has you covered with some really nice decals to replicate the harness. For those who would prefer gluing in a plastic harness, you can simply pickup AMT's 1956 Ford, or 1964 Mercury Marauder kits. A great set of plastic belts is included in those kits which will fill the bill.

The seat itself is of the modern, body forming type, with headrest and side of the head protection. A fire retardant tank and some nice electronics boxes, which get decals, make up the detailing in the driver compartment. P/E straps are included to wrap around the retardant tank. The interior floor pan features wiring that can be picked out with good detail painting. Pedals and shifter linkage are included, as well as inner door side panels. A simple racing dash, with steering column and wheel, with a decal for instrument panel all make for a nice race interior.



A multi-point full roll cage, with detailed padding and padding clamps is sharply rendered. Aoshima sells a separate detail set depicting a window net. It's a shame it's not included with the kit. One could easily cut one out of a modern NASCAR kit's body and adapt it to the Cruze body. The car features a rear-mounted wing on the trunk, & P/E end plates are included for that.

The window glass is flawless, very clean, clear bright plastic. All one needs to do is use the given masks, & you can easily paint the black window frames.



Construction moves to the body itself, and it is a gorgeous one. It is the 4-door Cruze. Very crisply molded, in precise dimensions, it captures the shape of the Cruze perfectly, it's well in scale. The nose of the body is a separate piece. Inspection of this body showed no flash, no mold seam lines, and a good grade of styrene plastic used. Body is not too thin or thick.

Detailing the rear lights with clear red etc. finishes the body work, leaving only gluing on the side mirrors with their lenses to complete the construction blocks, along with adding the P/E wiper blades, along with a chin airdam. The wheels in this kit are exceptional as well, and mount on very realistic race slicks.

One then moves on to final decaling. The car's paint scheme is blue & white, but the box art is hard to figure out if it's a solid blue, or metallic etc. I'm certain good reference shots of the car exist on the Net, maybe one can determine what type of blue to use.

The World Touring Car Championship is gaining in popularity worldwide, with TV coverage now via cable in the USA. Aoshima has done an extremely exceptional job on this 2012 WTCC Chevy Cruze. One can only hope this Japanese company may do more American cars. Aftermarket decal sets already exist if you do not want to build the car with the kit-given decal set, they are now available thru M&S Hobbies. On a scale of 1-10, definitely a 10! It is very different and interesting subject matter.

Highly recommended. ED



2016

GTR Summer NNL

9th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme:

TV and Movie Cars

Subtheme:

50 Years of Can Am Racing

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 7th 2016 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: TV and Movie Cars	All scales, all types	Any vehicle featured <i>prominently</i> in a TV show or Movie Cars from Cam Am or USRRC 1960-1974 – No GTs
SubTheme: 50 Years of Can Am Racing 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

Feb 28 67th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 4-6 Brushmasters Model Car Contest
Presented by World of Wheels
Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont IL
Chicagobrushmasters.com

March 5 21st Mad City Annual Model Show
by IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Labor Temple, Madison WI

March 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 12 Model Contest and Swap Meet
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

March 13 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest
Jane Adams Community Center Cedarville IL
Scott Baldauf 815-238-0634

March 19 Sebring 12 Hours IMSA
Sebring, FL

March 19 38th Annual Ferrari Literature, Art &
Model Expo with Contest
CONTINENTAL AUTO SPORTS, Hinsdale IL
youareawinner@earthlink.net

Mar 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 2 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS/Fort Crook
Strategic Air and Space Museum Ashland, NE
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April 9 NNL 24 Hosted by AMG
Theme: 100 Years of the Indy 500
Subtheme: Anything that that raced at IMS
Special Feature: Indy Pace Cars
Excellence Center Waukesha WI
mdowd@wi.rr.com scottiek@charter.net

April 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

April 16 NNL East
Wayne, NJ
www.nnleast.com

May 15 NNL North Show & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

May 7 36th Annual HMCA Swap and Model Car
Contest by Hoosier Model Car Association
Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis IN
John White DakotaJohn@embarqmail.com

May 21 NIMCON 5
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920

May 29 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor speedway

June 11-12 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by KC Slammers
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Pk KS
Vern Lyon 913-522-9170

June 18-19 24 Hours of LeMans
Lemans, FR

July 26 Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Aug 3-6 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia SC, OH
www.ipmsusa.org

August 7 GTR Summer NNL 9
Theme: TV and Movie Cars
Subthemes: 50 Years of Can Am
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL



Sep 25 68th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 15 SLAM NNL
Southern Lakes Auto Modelers
Johnstown Comm. Center, Johnstown WI

Oct 16 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 24 NordicCon 2015
Fort Snelling, MN
Tim Streeter 952-378-0828

Nov 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com