



# GTR Newsletter March 2018

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## Hello GTR and Friends:

*By Steve Jahnke*

Here we are in March sports fans and on this second weekend in March and the reason that your newsletter is a few days behind schedule (my fault entirely) since I found myself attending two "local" swap meets. I sell/trade models from my stash, then use that cash to buy even more new models for 'the stash'. For instance, today Saturday, I attended the **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferrari Literature, Art and Model Expo** held at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale Illinois; a somewhat "local" venue. It is what you might call a "high-end" auto dealer specializing in new and used Ferraris and Maserati's, quite the up-scale experience and aura than those found at your local Ford, Dodge and Chevy dealers. It was truly a wonderful day and annual experience. More on this "event" with more coverage and photos will be found in our next newsletter. Here are a few "teaser" photos from today's event (more to come!!).



**Ciao  
baby!**

## Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers

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

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**2018 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

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# MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

## Real World

The new Formula 1 Grand Prix Championship kicks off this month, the first race is the Australian Grand Prix on March 25. Besides the usual new cars and drivers several major changes will take effect.



They have announced that the sport will end the tradition of using grid girls from this season. Liberty Media's the new owner of F1, felt using grid girls no longer fitted in with the new brand image they wants for grand prix racing.



Their official statement reads:

"While the practice of employing grid girls has been a staple of Formula 1 grands prix for decades, we feel this custom does not resonate with our brand values and clearly is at odds with modern day societal norms.

## F1 Halos



A new rule for 2018 requires the addition of driver protective devices called halos. This will be quite a change in the cars appearance.

## New Formula E Cars



The all electronic Formula E championship has announced new cars for their next season.



The new cars look less like traditional F1 cars, to me they are more like sports cars. But apparently the organizers want to appeal to a whole new audience, it seems most Grand Prix fans are not into FE. Rather they are trying to attract a new generation of fans to this more futuristic type of racing.

## Industry News Nuremberg Toy Fair 2018



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Nürnberg 31. Jan – 4. Feb 2018

The Nuremberg (Germany) Toy Fair took place last month. This is a huge annual trade show that includes the hobby industry. Often new products are announced at the show, here are some.



Tamiya announced a new tool kit of the 2017 Ferrari SF70H F1 model kit in 1/20. We now have more photos of this kit.



BelKits announced their latest World Rally Championship kit. It is the 2017 Ford Focus WRC.



## Revell Germany's new Unimog

Revell German has announced a new variant on their 1/24 M-B Unimog kit, this time a winter snow plow.



Mercedes-Benz U 1300 L Winterdienst

## Hasegawa Porsche 962s



Hasegawa is releasing yet another version of their curbside Porsche 962. This is from Le Mans 1991.



They will also release a version in the Shell marking in April. This will offer a different variant to modelers from the earlier Tamiya kit.

## Events

Local events this month include the Cedarville show on March 11 and Countryside on March 17.

See the events calendar for details for all the events that I know of. We will be adding additional 2018 events as details are firmed up and released. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to GTR.

## 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 from the site.



## Bench Racing column is on break

By Doug Fisher



*This is a forum of modeler tips to be shared for all club members. Please forward any tips you feel will be helpful to everyone to me at [kkfisher1@comcast.net](mailto:kkfisher1@comcast.net) and I will include them in future editions.*



### IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. The chapter renewal season will be starting soon. 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org).

### IPMS Calendar

May 19 2018 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/Moss Branson, MO

Aug 1-4 2018 IPMS/USA Nationals  
Phoenix, AZ

August 8-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals  
Chattanooga, TN



### GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, March 3 at, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building

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 us.

## BMW Z4 GT3 Build: Building the Fujimi Kit



**Description:** BMW Z4 GT3

**Manufacturer:** Fujimi

**Kit #:** 170091 **Scale:** 1/24

*by Doug Fisher*

This is a review of the Fujimi 1/24 scale model kit of the GSR BMW Z4 GT3 with Good Smile racing livery. I saw the kit at the 2016 GTR NNL vendor show and could not resist the unique car and rarer graphics. Not that I am a fan of Japanese anime [ scantily clad young girls wandering all over the place], but the graphics are wicked cool.

The Z4 GT3 uses a 4.4 liter V8 engine producing around 500 horsepower with an RPM limit of 9,000. The GT3 car has a sophisticated aero package, with a set of winglets on the front fenders to provide additional downforce and a front splitter. The GT3 version also has a double deck rear wing, with an aggressive rear diffuser. The car participated in the Japanese Super GT racing series in the GT300 division.



The car sponsor [Good Smile Company] coincidentally is a Japanese manufacturer of hobby products such as the Nendoroid and figma product lines, as well as scale figures. Main products are based on anime or games that are currently popular in Japan. In 2008, Good Smile Company became the primary sponsor of Studie GLAD Racing, a team which took part in the GT300 race division of the Super GT racing

series in a car featuring illustrations of Hatsune Miku. In 2010, a new subsidiary company called Good Smile Racing (GSR) was established which became the new racing team owner. Good Smile Racing also produces model cars and related goods to support the racing team with sponsors.

The team took first place and the title of champion in the 2011 Super GT GT300 class series, with three wins in eight races. The team won the 2014 Super GT GT300 class championship, with two wins and four podiums in eight races.

Now on to the model. I did search the internet for reviews of the buildup of the kit as I was a little concerned on how well the massive number of decals actually went on the model. Mixed reviews, but the decals gave everyone fits. So, I made sure my decal setting solution and hair dryer were handy and opened the box.

The model is a curbside edition with no engine and a full bottom plate as the base for the model. The suspension is very simple, but the brakes do build up very nicely with detail painting and remain visible through the wheel spokes. The interior is next and is very detailed with minimal parts count. Good touches include a separate fire extinguisher to make painting easier and an extinguisher decal is also included.

The windows are well engineered - there are two holes in the top of the clear part that fits into two pins on the roof. The bottom of the windshield locks the whole part together with the body and glue is optional. After the interior is completed, various body parts [air intakes, body hatch releases and ducts] are attached with associated intake screens. These parts are separate allowing for painting without a ton of masking - good touch.

Attachment points for the body and chassis is a pair of pins and holes which gives a positive lock for the body without using any glue. The front and back diffuser plates then go over the attachment points hiding them.

Now on to the decaling of this beast. The decals are applied in two layers. The first is the anime that covers about 85% of the car surface. The hood, roof and sides are all one piece which is a real challenge with the compound curves of the car. I was pleasantly surprised that most of the internet reviews were wrong. The kit decals were quite good, very thin and responded very well to A LOT OF setting solution and application of a hair dryer. Notwithstanding, these four decals were a royal pain in the butt to apply. As a nice touch there are two complete sets of hood decals in case there is a problem [the hood was

the worst with compound curves and holes for vents]. These four decals needed about 30 minutes each to lay down and needed much more cutting than suggested in the instructions.

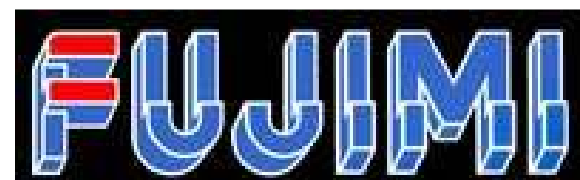
You then need to follow up with each decal in several locations to get the more severe areas to finally settle down. The design of the decals is quite good in that there are a lot of match lines all around the car that need to be perfect and they are.



After the anime is all completed, you then apply the second layer of decals which are the sponsor decal and there are a ton of them. After a while, I thought I was putting on 1/48 scale military aircraft stencils. I was very happy that the base decals were not affected by the second layer of decals.



Overall, I am very happy with the way the model turned out and it is a wicked cool addition to my display case. If you have any experience with decals this kit is a good way to expand your skills. The plastic portion of the kit simply falls together. Thumbs up on this one.



# Albuquerque Super Nationals Model Car Contest



by Chuck Herrmann

Every February the SuperNationals Custom Car Show is held in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the State Fairgrounds. This year was the 27th Annual, held February 2-4. There were over 250 cars on display in three different halls, as well as some cars parked outdoors (yes it is usually warm enough if the sun is out, which it most often is. It was in the mid-60s this year).



Supporting events included various vendors, guest celebrities (this year it was Candy Clark, who appeared in *American Graffiti*) and other activities, like a Hot Wheels track for the kids. And there is a model car contest, hosted by the Albuquerque Model Car Club.



There were about 90 entries in a wide variety of classes at the event. Winners are chosen by judges, the top three receiving awards.



Display Table



Custom Class winner, a customized Pacer!



Lowrider class winner, also Best Paint



Chevy lowrider



Ebbro Citroen Fourgonnette delivery



Racing motorcycle (1/24)



Beater Chevy



Large scale Revell BMW Isetta



Mazda RX-7



Der Beetle Bus



The Theme Award was for 100 Years of Ford Trucks.



Diorama class winner, also Best Detail



Theme Winner, 100 Years of Ford Trucks



Motorcycle class winner



Street Rods class winner



Beat up local short track stocker



32 Ford Street Rod



Commercial Winner, also Best of Show, ?Best Detail



Street Machine class winner



Snow dragster



Small Scale Class winner, Pyro Mercer 1/32



Large scale Road Warrior, class winner



Tamiya Mercedes



Lotus 29, Dan Gurney 1963 Indy, Open Wheel Competition Class winner



Caddy lowrider



# McLaren 570S Build: Building the Revell Germany Kit



**Description:** McLaren 570S  
**Manufacturer:** Revell Germany  
**Kit #:** 07051 **Scale:** 1/24  
*by Chuck Herrmann*



In the August 2017 GTR Newsletter I did a kit preview of this new Revell Germany kit. It is the latest road car by McLaren Automotive, their "entry level" sports car. I now finished the kit so here is the review of the build up (*with a few comments carried over for those who don't remember the first article*).

Revell Germany has issued this all new tooling kit, molded in grey, clear and orange plastic. It is a full detail kit, with a complete engine and suspension details. In design and complexity it is very similar to other recent Revell Germany kits of exotic sports cars like several Ferraris or their Porsche 918 kit. Lots of the engine and suspension detail looks like it will be buried under the exhaust and suspension pieces when assembled.

The kit comes packed in the familiar long flat one piece box used for all the Revell Germany kits. While I prefer the American two piece carton, this box fits the German marketplace's

design needs. The graphics are very nice. Everything is separately wrapped.

The multi language instructions are printed in full color, it looks more like a magazine than an instruction sheet! Usually I mark up the sheet with colors (they are references by letter to translate into the various languages) but I would feel guilty marking up the beautiful printed pages.



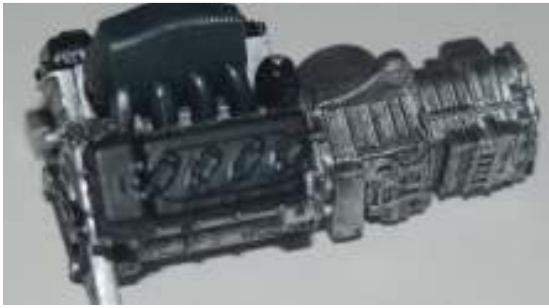
**Decals:** The decal sheet provides the carbon fiber roof, side panels and rear engine cover markings as well as the interior dash and seat belts. There are also nine different international license plate options (including US, which will not fit the elongated Euro style license plate frames provided).



**Chassis:** The chassis is the now standard one piece flat pan style. The suspension is rather basic, with the bottom arms molded into inserts and no real shocks. But once assembled it is not noticeable. My example did sit nice and level. The front steering is poseable.



**Engine:** The turbo V8 is a simplified 12 piece assembly. There is a lot of nice engraved detail. I painted it aluminum and did a wash so those details stood out.



It mounts onto the chassis. Then another framework goes over it, only the top of it will show when done. So lots of detail painting I did was not visible when done. I suggest holding off gluing the exhaust/turbo assemblies until the engine is attached (not prior as noted in the instructions) and you are adding the top exhaust collector to be able to align these pieces up.



I decided to paint the framework orange, the body color, to allow it to stand out and eliminate the black hole effect that painting everything black and steel would result in.

**Wheels/Tires:** The kit wheels are unplated. I painted them semi gloss black. The real car features multiple options so you can pick your favorite. The tires are vinyl with no sidewall detail. There is a decal for the McLaren logo on the wheel centers.



There are disc brakes, I painted them Testors Jet Exhaust with orange calipers. There is a McLaren decal for the calipers to add some details.



**Interior:** There is a separate tub for the interior, with side panels that mount into the separate doors. Most of the internet photos show the interiors as black and gray with orange inserts. But I did see some examples of brown leather, so I went with my current favorite Kylon Satin Boots spray, with a black wash to bring out the details. I did use the orange seat stripe decals. The seat belts are kit supplied decals. There are two dashboards, you have the option of right or left hand drive. I used the US style left hand drive. There is a decal for the dash screen.



Per the instructions you should glue the dash to the tub then finish assembling to the body. But there are pins inside the body and holes in the dash that fit, so I glued the completed dash assembly to the underside of the body and it fit perfectly, So I suggest you vary from the instruction sequence here.

**Body:** The body parts are molded in a bright orange plastic.



I had planned to use the iconic McLaren Orange (Tamiya Spray Lacquer TS-56 Brilliant Orange). But I ended up using Testors Go Mango, straight from the rattle can, sprayed over the orange plastic. It ended up looking a little darker, more of a burnt orange but I liked the result.

The doors are separate pieces, they can be posed as open, or shut. But not operating. I glued

them shut without using the window clear "glass" pieces. The fit was a bit tricky even without the windows, but a bit of trimming made it work. On the outside there are separate pieces for the unique pieces over door handles, this needs to be painted separately and attached later. There are separate pieces for the front winglets, these did not fit without some serious adjustments. These were painted semi gloss black and attached after painting. The bottom edges of the body sides and doors also was masked off and sprayed separately. I decided not to use the carbon fiber decals for the roof and sides, as had read they did not go on well and there are addition areas on the sides that would need to be painted. In my opinion it looks better that way. I did use the carbon fiber decal for the engine cover, which is clear plastic with mesh to allow some see thru areas. This decal do not fit well, even after SolvaSet. The front windshield attaches from the outside, it needs the black trim to be applied over the frosted areas. I used a black Sharpie for this. The headlight buckets are separate pieces to be attached inside the body after painting. The lenses need to painted silver. The clear covers go on at the end.

**Assembly/Summary:** For the final assembly the front winglets needed to be trimmed and adjusted. Also there are slots under the seats that needed to be trimmed, then the body did snap into place.

There is a bit more flash and mold lines than should be expected for a brand new mold. Nothing that cannot be cleaned but watch for it.

If you have built any of the recent Revell Germany sports car kits this is similar in design and ease of assembly. A few issues but they can all be corrected. The engine cover/rear window decal was pretty bad, though.

For another perspective there is a review of this kit in the October 2017 *Scale Auto*. I read it first and it was useful for this build.



Completed buildup



The taillights were clear plastic, I painted with Tamiya Clear Red acrylic. Many license plates were offered on the decal sheet but I used some downloaded New Mexico plates. McLaren logo are kit decals.



This is the visible engine detail once everything is put together. Below is a photo of the real thing.



On display at the Albuquerque SuperNationals model contest.

### The Real Thing



# Kit Preview: Aoshima Libertywalk LB.Works Nissan GTR-35



**Description:** Libertywalk LB.Works  
Nissan GTR-35

**Manufacturer:** Aoshima **Scale:** 1/24

**Kit #:** 49050830540234 3800

*by Elliot Doering*



Aoshima, a Japanese model company, has regularly produced some finely detailed car models. Most of them can be built factory stock, and most of the kits are of Japanese cars.

Just like some military model makers, Aoshima uses existing molds to create variants. And just as we have Chip Foose, and other car customizers here in the USA, the scene is much the same within Japan.

One of the "hot" Japanese customizers, is Wataru Kato, also known as "Shakotan Koyaji", who is rather famous for his creations of "Works Style" tuner cars, which are very popular in Japan, as well as the USA. Thus, in conjunction with Libertywalk, Kato was asked to create a customized tuner car/race-look version of the popular Nissan GTR-35.

This is a brand new kit. I just received it thru a Japanese model importer I found on the NET. So, let's see what's in the large, tray-like box.

The body is very crisply rendered, and virtually flash free, and comes sealed in its own plastic bag, preventing any damage. The glass is also separately bagged, and the windshield and rear window are nicely joined in one piece. A mask is included for painting the black trim around the windows, as is common today on car models. This bag also contains the decal sheet, which appears to be of Cartograph quality. Markings include the sort of grey sunburst logo as shown on the box art, as well as an assortment of speed product markings. A small white tree contains the hood, front nose valance, mirrors, and a black tree making up door panels and interior parts.

There are chromed trees for the disc brakes, and headlight housings. The frame is of the one-piece pan type, and includes partial representation of an exhaust system. Then, there is the tree that has the custom Kato fender bulges, and his special wheels, along with rubber tires.

The interior is of the one-piece, bucket type, with the rear seats molded in place. There are separate front bucket seats. One could easily sand off the mounting point for the passenger front bucket seat, and just install the driver's seat, and perhaps construct a small roll cage, to convert this kit to more of a race car. There's also a crisply molded one-piece dash.

The instruction booklet is the usual fold-out type, and on the first inner page, are crucial notes concerning removal of parts of the front and rear fender curves, to allow for the kit's custom Kato fender bulges. A to scale template pattern is given, which can be cut out, and applied to the actual body, to mark off the areas to be removed. The templates are for the left and right sides of the car, as well as a template for removing a small portion of the front of the frame pan. Upon looking over the body, I wonder if removal of the fender curves is really necessary, one could adapt the Kato fender bulges perhaps without these removal steps? Test fit, and see.

All the paints needed for this car are those that can very easily be obtained at any good hobby shop.

A decal placement guide is included as well. Next, is a small map showing what portions of the middle of the frame pan are to be painted.

There are 22 assembly blocks to complete this model. Each block deals with a minimum of parts to make progress and assembly easy.

The first and second blocks deal with the front and rear upright shocks, which should be detail painted, along with the disc brakes and their calipers, and the stub axle pins. Pay attention to the way the individual right and left front and rear shocks are done up.

In block 3, the parts we constructed in blocks 1 and 2 are mated with small metal springs, and then glued to the frame pan, after the frame pan

has been detail painted. Block 4 concerns mounting the inner wheels with the custom front part of the wheels and tires. Be SURE to use the polycaps.

For those who may not like the wheels contained in the kit, I'd refer you to pickup Aoshima's BBS Type RSII 17 inch wheel set (#4905083052419 – 1000). This wheel set comes with a nice satin plating, and looks GREAT! They can be found on the NET. Also, perhaps you'd like to add a custom wing to the car? If so, pickup Aoshima's wing set # 113/030226-1000. You get 2 types of wings in this set. Both look great!

Block 5 deals with attaching the rear shocks, and making up the rear wheel/tires assembly.

Block 6 covers adding the "tuner" exhaust system, with exhaust tips, as well as adding the wheel/tire assembly, and a cover plate. I'd leave it off to show frame detail.

Block 7 concerns the dash, and steering wheel. Decals are included for the dash, a nice touch!

Block 8 is all about the interior bucket. A cover's added to the console, and the shifter and hand brake are added. Masking off and painting the seat pattern will "pop" this interior. However... no glue-on seat belts, or belt decals are in this kit. In block 9, the interior side panels are added, as well as the front bucket seats.

Block 10 concerns adding the one-piece windows, after they've been masked to paint the black window trim. Then, the rear view mirror is added, and the windows are then placed into the body. Next, the body gets the outside mirrors, and a rocker panel strip.

In block 11, the radiator pieces are mated to the nose valance, and in block 12, the front body valance, and diffuser strip are added to the body. Block 13 is all about getting the headlights built up. A note is added to pay attention to the direction of each light assembly. And a decal's added to the inner portion of the headlight assemblies.

With that done, we move on to adding the splitter supports to the nose of the car, and our light assemblies are added as well.

This takes us to block 15, wherein we deal with the making up of the tail lights. Once done, they're added to the rear valance, which then gets added to the body, in block 16.

If you don't want to add one of the wings I mentioned, you can just add the rear spoiler that's given in the kit in block 17, along with the rear license plate.

Block 18 is the block in which the Kato front fender bulges are added, with block 19 covering the rear fender bulges. Pay close attention to the noted areas for placing these bulges on the body. Test fit them first, before gluing.

In block 20, the completed body gets added to the completed frame, and block 21 has us add more diffusers.

Finally, in block 22, the windshield wipers, and hood pieces get added to complete the model. There is no engine in this kit, so one wonders why the hood wasn't molded to the body?

While hunting on the NET, I found some nice decals for the HIS Advan Kondo GTR-35. The decal sheet is DC-24005, for the 2009 HIS Advan Kondo car from the Super GT 2009 series – Round 1. The decals are for a silver and blue paint scheme. These decals are made in Taiwan, and can be found via going to: <http://www.aclub-models.com> They seem to be hi-quality decals.

This all new kit appears to be easy to build, the only problem area is dealing with the Kato fender bulges. It is NOT for a beginner, and is intended for the skilled advanced modeler.

While no Skill Level is listed on the box, I'd rate it Skill Level 3, and give it a 9.5, only because of minor difficulty in placing the Kato fender bulges.



The box art depicts the car in a sort of pearl light blue, with the grey sunburst decals, and speed product logos. It's a very aggressive appearing car, and will make a nice addition to any collection, especially if you like Japanese "tuner" type cars. Grab one, and have fun! ED





**11<sup>th</sup> Annual  
IPMS/GTR NNL  
Contest & Swap  
Meet  
August 5, 2018**

**Theme: Crazy 8's - [any car associated with the number "8"]**

**Subtheme: Asian Invasion - [any Asian themed car]**

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 5th 2018 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

Admission to the show is a measly 10 bucks; you can enter unlimited models 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:**

<b>Competition Open Wheel</b>	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
<b>Competition Closed Wheel</b>	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
<b>Street</b>	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
<b>Custom</b>	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
<b>Commercial</b>	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
<b>Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Juniors</b>	All scales	All types
	All scales	[Under 16 years] all models
<b>Curbside</b>	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
<b>Out of the Box</b>	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
<b>Theme: Crazy 8's</b>	All scales	
<b>SubTheme: Asian invasion</b>	All Scales	
<b>Chris Ducey Memorial Award</b>	All scales, Ford	Best Ford
<b>Tim Leicht People's Choice Award</b>	Best model in contest	

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## 2018 GTR Event Calendar

**Feb 25** Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL,  
(630) 969-1847 or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

**March 3,** 2018 Mad City Modelers 23rd annual  
Model Show, Theme: "The Sixties" , \$10.00 for  
first 5 entries, \$1.00 each additional, Spectators  
\$2.00, Madison Labor Temple, Registration 9-  
Noon, Awards at 4:00 PM

**March 11** Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest  
Jane Adams Community Center, Cedarville IL  
815-238-0634

**March 17** 12 Hours of Sebring  
Sebring, FLA IMSA

**March 18** Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place Of Countryside, Countryside, IL  
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

**Mar 25** Australian Grand Prix (Season Opener)  
Melbourne, AU

**April 14** 2018 Auto Modelers Group NNL 26  
Theme: 70 Years of NASCAR, Sub Theme:  
Show Rods, 3:00 – 9:0 PM, The Excellence  
Center, Waukesha. Info: tnowak@wi.rr.com  
scottiek1@charter.net

**Apr 15** Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI  
Call 262-366-1314 www.uniqueeventsshows.com

**May 18-19** HMCA 38th Swap Meet and Contest  
Hosted by Hoosier Model Car Club  
Contest Theme: *The Chevrolet Impala*  
Johnson County Fairground, Franklin, IN  
John White dakotajohn@embarqmail.com

**May 19** 2018 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/Moss Branson, MO

**March 4** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

**May 20** NNL North  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN  
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

**June 16** NIMCON 7  
NIMCON 7: Saturday, June 16, 2018  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL 60012  
see: [www.lakesregionmodelers.com](http://www.lakesregionmodelers.com) for more info

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Themes: Crazy 8 & Asian Invasion  
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL  
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**Oct 21** Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place Of Countryside Countryside, IL  
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

**Oct 22** US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas Austin, TX

**November 3** 2018 Winnebago Area Model  
Classic (WAMC), Theme: 1968 "The Times They  
Are a Changin"  
Info: WAMClassic@gmail.com,  
www.WAMClassic.wix.com

**November 4** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

**Dec 2** Tinley Park Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL  
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

