



# GTR Newsletter June 2021

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## President's Message:

Well I finally got the word from my friend that he got his whole compliment of Indy tickets so I'm going to the 500. We sit on the next to the top row of the turn 3 grandstand. When I first started going to the 500 back in 1967, I was able to pick my location anywhere I wanted. My father did business with a supplier in Indianapolis and he was the one who got the tickets. So over 3 years I sat in different locations. The best by far was turn 3. You see so much and now with the big screens you know who is going into the pits. So in picking a seat location it's a choice between seeing good racing or watching pit stops. I like the racing part.

This month I've even gotten back into building Indy car models both 1/43 and 1/25. I really like the way the AMT '87/'88/'89 Lolas look and with Indycals I can build a ton of different versions. I only have one grip with the construction method on the kit. I wrote a build article a number of years ago on how I deal with this problem. It needs to be updated it and I need to take some new pictures. I'll get that done for a future GTR newsletter.

When I first went to work for Monogram they were in the middle of doing their 1/24 Lola/March Indy car models. I was assigned with trying to find the best driver/team licenses we could get for the kits. As soon as I started on this project, I came to find out I was in completion with AMT Ertl, ugh!! What were the odds we would have both, at the same time, decided to do Indy car models? What a disaster. Team after team would tell me they had already signed up with AMT. In the end we got some good cars including Al Unser Jr., he was the best one. But our big issue wasn't the teams or the drivers, it was the way we did the models. First, they were too much of a compromise by doing both the Lola and the March plus three different engines in one mold set. It just made everything too weak especially when compared to the AMT kits. Second, they were in the wrong scale. Everyone wanted their Indy car models in 1/25 scale and not 1/24. We did 1/24 since all Monogram models were done in 1/24 scale regardless of what the consumers wanted. I wasn't able to fix this issue for a few more years.

Well hope the race turns out to be a good one. The field has some really fast kids in it and they should make it interesting. Remember August 1 and the GTR Show!

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**Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs**  
**2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year**  
**2007, 2008 & 2015 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year**  
**2021 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

***No June Meeting***

Location alternates between member's homes and the Algonquin Township Building

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# News

## GTR Update

### No June Meeting!

There will not be a June meeting. Ed and Doug cannot make it so we will next get together in July 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.

### May 2021 GTR Meeting

Our May meeting was held at the Algonquin Township meeting facility, Saturday May 1. Here are the models on display.



Ed Sexton brought in an F1 Jordan in 1/24 from Revell Germany, in Benson and Hedges livery.



Ed Sexton showed off his Revell Germany McLaren in Vodafone livery. He shared a story about the decision on the 1/24 scale of this series of kits. cars. They should have been 1/20 similar to Tamiya etc., but Germany insisted that the scale be 1/24. He used Alclad over gloss black - gorgeous paint even up close.



Doug with a Fujimi Porsche 917K kit with photo etch and extra decals



Doug with a kit from Fujimi of a Porsche 911 RSR from Watkins Glen in '74. I had to have this kit as I grew up 35 minutes from the Watkins Glen circuit.



David had a '66 Cobra from Revel which was a poorly built kit and stripped the kit to bare plastic. Repainted and used Spastik chrome for most of the shiny bits. Paint was Burgundy Red Metallic over a Krylon gold leaf short cuts undercoat.



Round 2 Pontiac Superstocker from Dave. Great car to drive as the exhaust goes right through the cockpit to the side door



Dave Green with a transport trailer – comments from Ed Sexton that the US modeling community wanted it and it has not been out for a few years. Came out in 2012 and sold great



Batmobile from Jada Toys diecast kit from Dave Green. No glue uses screws to assemble. Other kits are at Walmart of the same type.



Doug with a partial built McLaren in Gulf Livery. Paint is Krylon Short Cuts per Dave Green. Paint looks great



Dave had a diecast Corvette C8 which had one of the best paint jobs we have seen on a diecast in a long while. Looked like a metallic candy red. This is from your local Wal Mart

## Simulated Wood Finish from Tamiya Acrylic Paints

*From James Palicka who showed us some really cool examples of wood dashboards at the last meeting.*

Here is how I paint wood grain on plastic. I have used this on several "wood" decks and I like the process. I'm sure that there are other methods, but this the one I use the most. I painted a piece of flat styrene in steps and you can see the results.

First, paint the plastic Tamiya Desert Yellow. Then drybrush Tamiya Bronze using a wood grain like pattern more to eye rather than anything else. Then finish with a light coat of Tamiya Clear Orange. I hope this is helpful to someone.



# Modeling Adventures in COVID

*By Doug Fisher*

I am sure we all have fun stories about the last year under the quarantine of Covid and what we did to survive. Here is one of my stories.

I needed to visit my son in Marietta, GA by air for a couple of weeks and needed to find things to pass the time while he worked. Build some models I thought. OOPS, traveling by air seriously restricted what I could bring [paints, knives etc.] So, I packed up two Revell Germany DTM cars that I have been wanting to build and some tweezers and my pressure regulator for my airbrush and set out on my way.

We had a desk to work at and an airbrush station was set up in the garage on some sawhorses and plywood. I used the air compressor for my nail gun and was underway. But I forgot the paint cup for the airbrush [have three at home]. The local area hobby mecca [Hobbytown the size of a 6-screen movie theater] did not have the small cup, so Amazon to the rescue.

Without most of my tools at my disposal, cutting parts, finishing parts and hand painting was a pain as I am cheap and did not want to spend hundreds of dollars to replicate what I had at home. Just like camping or when I was a kid I thought. I had a blast.

The Mercedes AMG C-Class DTM car of Bruno Spengler went together with little problems. When painting is a pain, you quickly determine "Can anyone see this???". If no, then there is no painting needed. My semi-gloss black got mixed in about five different shades to give some depth to parts. The engineering on the model is really good with many parts not even needing glue.

The DTM car has a lot of ducting which required a little forethought when painting. The overall color was Tamiya Gun Metal in the rattle can. What a wicked cool color and the dust in the garage was not very bad which helped.

I tried a new technique for the border on windows and instead of masking and airbrushing [which I loathe] I just used a brush on the inside with liberal amounts of semi-gloss black. The results were outstanding and thanks to Ed Sexton Revell kindly put in a line to hold the paint. Doing models for 55 years and learned something new, who knew!!.

Decals were interesting as I had no setting solution. AWW who needs this stuff anyways. They came out pretty good. Overall, this is a great kit Covid or not.



The second kit was the Revell Germany BMW M3 DTM car of Martin Tomczyk. This car is very striking with a white body color and red and blue decals. This kit was a little more difficult to complete mostly due to the complicated decals that needed to be aligned at all times.

One of gems of the kit are the exhausts on the side that are chromed with a flat aluminum color. The main problem is once you remove the mold lines you are painting it again, but they look great. Another positive is the way the body attached to the chassis. Unlike most Tamiya kits which dare you to glue without showing, Revell has a click in system like Fujimi. This kit needed a drop of super glue in the front where it can not be seen and you are good to go. Nice decals in the cockpit for the various instrument packages and the venting over the front wheel was sweet.





## IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. So if you are a current IPMS/USA member let Doug know your member number and expiration date, and remember to renew your IPMS/USA membership by October each year to make the renewal process smooth. We 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

June 12 **now Sep 18** 2021 IPMS Region 5 Convention –hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL.

Aug 18-21 2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV

See the webpage at [www.natslv2021.com](http://www.natslv2021.com) and also their Facebook page **2021 IPMS Nationals Las Vegas "Very Best of the West"**

2022 IPMS/USA Nationals Omaha, NE

2023 IPMS/USA Nationals San Marcos, TX



by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News

### Shizuoka Hobby Show



The 59th Shizuoka Hobby Show was held May 13-14, this year open to the hobby trade only due to ongoing pandemic concerns. Here are some

of the interesting automotive pictures I found online.

## NuNu

At the Shizuoka Hobby in Japan, NuNu displayed completed examples of their Porsche 911 Rally Car and the IMSA BMW R8, both 1/24.



These had been announced earlier but hopefully seeing completed builds means these are actually close to being released. (the BMW is out per numerous internet posts)

No word on the availability of the previously released LeMans Porsche 911 RSR kits.



NuNu Lotus 99T 1/12

## Ebbro



1/20 Tyrell 005 1972



1/20 Lotus 33 F1 1966

## Rebirth of Squadron?



Hello fellow modelers!

We are excited to announce that [squadron.com](http://squadron.com) will be returning, under new ownership and management! Squadron will be back!!!

As most of you know, MMD-Squadron Holdings, LLC (The parent company of [squadron.com](http://squadron.com) and Military Model Distributors) filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy earlier this year. After 53 years of providing a place for modelers around the world to purchase their new and most favorite models and supplies, the end looked like it was upon us. This was a travesty we could not let happen!

Knot Models is a hobby merchandiser founded in 2016 that primarily does business in the Amazon Marketplace. Knot Models was founded by Chris Decker, a 20 year industry veteran who has built up and sold both hobby retailers and manufacturing companies over the years. Some of you might be familiar with Trident Hobbies, which became FreeTimeHobbies.com, and the model lines, Modeltop Models and Yankee Modelworks. Chris founded or was instrumental in bringing these lines to the marketplace.

In April of 2021, Knot Models purchased the business assets of MMD-Squadron Holdings from the bankruptcy court in Texas. We have been working tirelessly since then to rebuild and replace the systems that [squadron.com](http://squadron.com) needs to operate. We have also been working to source inventory from manufacturers and distributors around the world. Our goal is to relaunch [squadron.com](http://squadron.com) in early June of 2021 with over 15,000 products available for you to purchase!

As we get closer to our launch date and have more details, we will be sending out more information. We are excited and eager to join you in this new chapter of Squadron.com!



Until then, Happy Modeling!

Chris Decker  
[www.squadron.com](http://www.squadron.com)

## Salvino JR

The next new kit from Salvino JR will be A J Foyt Racing 1983 Chevrolet Monte Carlo



R-AJMC1983D

## Gofer



New dragster frame and a Ford 427 engine parts packs style issues from Gofer.

## AMT

International Transtar CO-4070A – newly retooled and corrected kit due out in July



## Moebius



Test shots from Moebius on the Nova gasser. Dave from Moebius says end of the year.



I also saw this in another club newsletter.

## Revell



I assume many of our readers are classic rock fans. This reissue of the Revell Germany VW T1 bus features the iconic The Who graphics. It would be neat to build it and display next to my Who vinyl LP collection.



Revell is also reissuing the 1/24 Audi R0 TDI LeMans winner, I believe this is the first reissue since it was new. It includes a 3D puzzle that also serves as a base.

## Testors Model Master RIP - The End of an Era



While this was announced a while ago and most shops have run out Hobby Lobby seemed to have some supply of Testor's Model Master paints. But early this month they marked it all

down for clearance. Spray cans were \$1.57, bottles .99 cents. I went to the Hobby Lobby by Cottonwood and bought all the remaining stuff I could use. I stopped this week and everything Model Master was gone. I have been using this paint for many years, maybe 50? The Extreme Lacquer line was not marked down, does that mean those will still be available? And what will replace it on store shelves?

## Real World

### Porsche, Penske unite to run new LMDh prototype in WEC, IMSA

*From motorsport.com*

The American Penske operation will renew its partnership with Porsche to run a pair of LMP2-based LMDh contenders in both series under the Porsche Penske Motorsport banner.

Penske and Porsche previously enjoyed success together in North American sportscar racing: they won the Can-Am title in 1972 and '73 with the 917, and then claimed a hat-trick of American Le Mans class titles with the RS Spyder LMP2 in 2006-08, as well as winning 11 races outright. The most recent Porsche/Penske program came in 2009 in the Grand-Am series with a Riley Daytona Prototype powered by one of the German manufacturer's flat-six engines.



*No. 12 Verizon Wireless Porsche Riley. Penske Racing co-drivers Romain Dumas and Timo Bernhard in 2009*

The renewal of Penske's relationship with Porsche follows the end of its deal with Honda brand Acura at the conclusion of last year's IMSA series. No timeframe has been put on the deal except, according to Porsche's statement that it will run for "a number of years". Porsche chairman Oliver Blume pointed out that it will be "the first time in the history of Porsche Motorsport that our company will have a global team competing in the world's two largest endurance series".

"To this end, we will be setting up team bases on both sides of the Atlantic," he continued. "This will enable us to create the optimal structures we will need to take overall victories at Le Mans, Daytona and Sebring, for example."

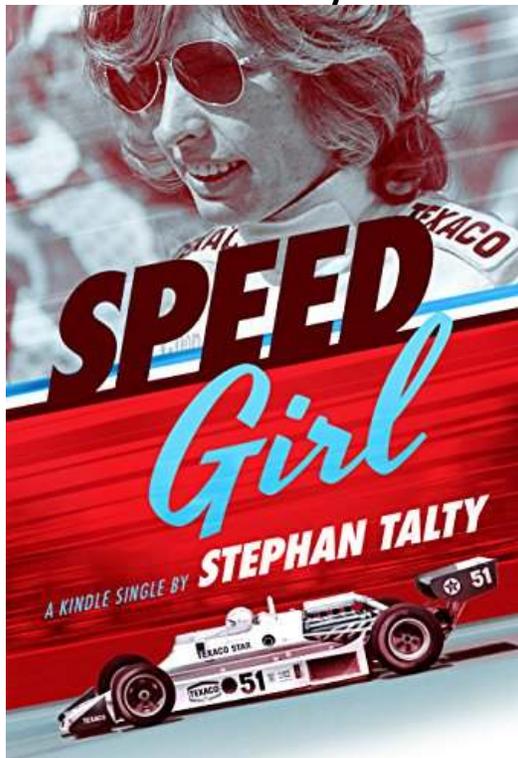
Porsche also reiterated its intention to have customer cars on the grid in both the WEC and IMSA from the beginning of the programme in 2023.

"We are looking for a mix of factory and customer cars from the beginning," said Porsche head of factory motorsport Pascal Zurlinden.

*(I assume we will see a kit of this car sometime, and with different teams running it we can probably expect aftermarket decals sets-editor)*

## Media

### Janet Guthrie Movie *Speed Girl*



Hillary Swank is going to play Janet Guthrie in a new movie based on the 2017 book *Speed Girl*, by Stephan Talty. Janet Guthrie is a former race car driver who became the first woman to qualify and compete in both the Indianapolis 500 and the Daytona 500 in the same year 1977, breaking several barriers.



*Janet Guthrie 1977 Indy 500*

No release dates at this time.



## Virtual GTR Show & Tell

With meetings being still lightly attended we will use this space to show models shown on our Facebook page or emailed to me for a virtual show and tell. One advantage is that we can show stuff from our out of town members.

### From Facebook we have:

From new member Bill Fisher



A Tamiya Ferrari painted in acrylic color shift paint [Raspberry to purple] with three coats of Tamiya clear



Three Elf Cars 1/12, and 1/20 scale Tamiya Tyrrell 6-wheel F1 cars with a 6-wheel anime Formula car all with ELF livery.

### Ron Spannraft AZ

"Diecast of the car Eddie Cheever drove when he won the 1998 Indianapolis 500 is complete. For the rivet counters this model has inaccuracies, but it fills a gap in the display case."



**Roy Sorensen CA**

Some more pictures of the completed 1/12 Meng 1966 Ford GT.



**Gary Dobson IL**



“Tamiya Ferrari F2001”

**Chuck Herrmann NM**



“After time on other projects it is back to the 1/20 Fujimi McLaren MP4/5. Assembling the tub and mounting the engine. I am adding stuff from their photoetch detail set, much of which is not seen when the body is on.

Progress - added the heat shield under the engine (cigarette paper), more photoetch stuff and a few wires.



“Closing in on the finish line. Polish, assemble and decal left.”





"The McLaren MP4/5 is almost done then I will do a base and some photos. Next it will be back to this kit. The receipt in the box is from Ron's Hobbies on 04/01/08, must have been a birthday gift to myself! It was started soon after, engine mostly done with some other stuff. Then for whatever reason it was set aside. I remember debating the color and version to build, also looking for references. Great looking kit, I will be doing it out of the box. It will be the von Tripps #102 from the 1958 Targa Florio."

**Ken Takahashi CO**



"Finished this little guy just recently, a 289 Cobra! I was inspired by "Ford vs Ferrari" and decided to do my version of that Cobra that Shelby (Matt Damon) drove around. Used the AMT 289 kit and modified it to get rid of the metal axles and added a lot of details. Hope you like it!"



**Robert Bernahl III IN**



"The Undertaker, a custom show rod/dragster

from the 60's built by Carl Casper. Aurora models (then later Polar Lights) made a 1:25 scale model. And here it is. The whole kit was molded in "glow in the dark" ABS plastic (instead of styrene) so super glue had to be used instead of model glue. It was NOT an easy kit to assemble and some parts I replaced with soldier (race headers) AND I had to test my skills on painting scenery (the display stand is meant to look like an open grave) but in the end, I'm happy with the result. Especially when considering I could only find ONE color photograph of the car and I honestly don't know if the real one even glows in the dark. So I just did a combination of what I thought it would look like AND what I like. So the body is painted with a pearl white base coat, then 2 coats of Tamiya clear yellow, then using candy lime green I painstakingly airbrushed the raised and edges of the body. When that was done I then topped it all off with 2 coats of pearl clear coat. The interior is also a pearl white with black buttons and piping. And obviously the running gear and frame is all chrome. Enjoy fellow modelers."



***Keep Safe, build more model cars!***

# Pipeline Welder on a Trailer

By Dave Roeder St Louis, MO



I built a 1/28<sup>th</sup> scale Renwal Lacrosse Rocket Launcher Truck kit and converted it into a cargo bed US Forest service truck. Part of the rocket launch bed included the generator which powered the hydraulics for the launcher. I decided to turn the generator into a 1955 version of a pipeline welder. Since it was 1/28<sup>th</sup> scale, it looked just right for a 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale model.



*Welder: Control panel end showing the two lead sockets at the very bottom of the control panel end. The gauges and control switches are hand painted.*

I began by researching gasoline powered welders on the Internet. I found that all of the current pipeline welders were mounted on dual axle one ton and larger pickup trucks. I did not want to buy a late model pickup and instead went the other way and back dated the welder to 1955 when some of these were still hauled on trailers.

First I looked at photos of older welders and found that Miller made one that had the same general shape as the one from the rocket launcher kit. Miller welders were blue and used a round logo which I also found on the Internet. The Renwal model even had a flip down cover for the control panel which was operational. I modified it by first cutting away all of the framework from the truck bed, leaving a nice generator with an attached storage compartment in front of the radiator. I scribed lines under the hood area for engine access, added a scratch built radiator cap, lifting eye, battery box, fuel tank, red and black electrical welding cable sockets and muffler. I painted it blue and added the Miller decals from the Internet. The cables are .031" solder.

One other detail that showed up in photos was a rack or a set of posts to hold lengths of cables for the welder. I scratch built this from styrene shapes and angles.



I scratch built the trailer using styrene strips, sheet and shapes. I used a 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale round straight axle from an old gasser kit to start the build. I narrowed it down to fit behind an early Ford pickup. The fenders are modified from 1/25<sup>th</sup> scale 1932 Ford rear fenders. I added tail lights and a license plate and a set of five bolt steel wheels. The trailer bed started out as a piece of .030" styrene sheet cut to a pointed rectangle shape. I added two bars under the bed to hold the two leaf springs, then finished out the rest of the top side of the bed with additional styrene shapes. I scratch built the hitch ball socket from a piece of .187" square styrene. I scratch built the trailer jack from styrene and music wire. I used a #2-56 brass screw with a larger round foot made from styrene for the jacking screw. It is threaded

into the jack post and is adjustable for height.



*Welding cables and early Miller Logo*

Once I had finished the trailer and welder I decided to add one more small detail. I used four AMT 1949 Ford custom accessories that were old reel to reel tape decks. I cut them in half and shortened them to a tool box length, then glued them back together and made a hinge from .004" sheet lead. I added a handle on top and a latch strap. Last but not least, I added the welder guy who is 1/24<sup>th</sup> scale. I won him as an attendance prize.

The finished model will be a good entry for the miscellaneous class at contests.



*Welder control panel and welding cable sockets  
Trailer bottom view*



*Rear view of trailer with control panel closed*



*Scratch built tool box and trailer jack*

# Bobby Unser

## 1934-2021



from various online sources



Albuquerque has lost one of its most famous residents. Three-time Indianapolis 500 winner Bobby Unser passed away at his home in Albuquerque on May 2 from natural causes. He was 87. Unser won the Indy 500 in 1968, 1975 and 1981, making him the only other driver than Rick Mears to win the event in three different decades. Younger brother Al Unser is one of only three drivers to win the Indy 500 four times -- 1970, 1971, 1978 and 1987. The Unser family tradition stretched to Al Unser's son, Al Unser Jr., who won the Indy 500 in 1992 and 1994.

He was born in Colorado Springs in 1934, brother to Al Unser Sr and uncle to Al Jr – both of whom also won the Indy 500. Another brother, Jerry, died in the 1959 race.

He moved with his family as a child to New Mexico. His father owned a garage along Route 66 and he and his brother grew up tooling around in old jalopies before he began his racing career in 1949 at Roswell (New Mexico) Speedway. In 1950, he raced at Speedway Park in Albuquerque and won his first championship in Southwestern Modified Stock Cars. After serving in the U.S. Air Force from 1953-55, Unser and his brothers Jerry and Al decided to pursue racing careers in United States Auto Club (USAC) competition.

Bobby earned seven career USAC Sprint Car feature victories and placed third in the standings in 1965 and 1966. He also won six USAC Stock Car races and three USAC Midget features.

Unser's career in IndyCars started in the end of the 1962 season. He spent three years driving Novi-engined cars for Andy Granatelli, his first

Indy 500 start coming in 1963, completing just two laps after being involved in an accident.



His first IndyCar win came at Mosport in 1967, and he went on to become USAC National Champion in '68 and '74. He finished his career with 35 career IndyCar victories, recorded eight top-three finishes in the season points and was inducted into the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame in 1990.

He retired from racing soon after his controversial final Indy 500 victory, having been initially stripped of victory for passing cars during a caution. Five months later, the win was reinstated following a protest and lawsuit by team owner Roger Penske – instead, Unser was fined \$40,000.

Following the controversy, Unser said he became disillusioned with the sport – but went on to have a hugely successful broadcasting career, working for NBC, ABC and ESPN on IndyCar, as well as NASCAR events. The fast-talking Unser was always good for a wisecrack and had a large personality, something that served him exceedingly well in his broadcasting career. His insight was unparalleled and his friendly rivalry with fellow commentator Sam Posey was legendary. It made for TV gold, with the considered, thoughtful Posey frequently corrected or talked over by Unser.

An avid snowmobiler, Unser did make news in the late 1990s when he and a friend got lost and spent two frigid nights stuck in the wilderness. After they were found, Unser was charged with a federal misdemeanor of operating a snowmobile in a national wilderness area. Unser, who was fined \$75, was determined to have the record expunged, and appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. His petition wasn't granted, but it was always part of Uncle Bobby's character to never give up.



1956 Pikes Peak

Unser also won 13 class titles at the Pikes Peak Hillclimb and earned 'King of the Mountain' honors 10 times during his career as the fastest driver overall up the famed mountain.



1968 Indy 500 Winner



1975 Indy 500 Winner



1981 Indy 500 Winner



Bobby was entered in two Grand Prix races in 1968, by the BRM Team. He did not start in Italy at Monza in a rules dispute but he did take part in the US Grand Prix at Watkins Glen.

On a personal note, I saw Bobby Unser race several times, 1967-1970, at the Springfield one mile oval, in the USAC Champ Car races held during the Illinois State Fair. And maybe at the USAC Stock Car race held the same weekend, but I cannot find records for those races. And then moving to Albuquerque the Unser family has a huge legacy. The original family garage still stands. The Unser Racing Museum is a great display of memorabilia from all the Unsers, including trophies from races at Springfield. And the main street on the western edge of town is named after the family.

Chuck Herrmann



# GTR Event Calendar

*With the easing of restrictions caused by the Corona virus crisis, many events are being rescheduled for later this year. But all dates are of course tentative based on how the situation progresses.*

*Please check directly with the event hosts to verify each event. I will update as I am informed of changes, also I will share the notices on the GTR Facebook page.*

**June 12-13** Heartland Nationals Contest and Swap Meet. Hosted by the KC Slammers Model Car Club. [www.kcslammers.com](http://www.kcslammers.com), Overland Park Conv. Center, Overland Park, KS. Contact Bill Barker, [wlb19@yahoo.com](mailto:wlb19@yahoo.com), special theme: "American Graffiti."

**August 1** Summer NNL  
GTR and Lake Michigan Model Car Club Present The Summer NNL – for 2021 Swap Meet Only

June 12 **now Sep 18** 2021 IPMS Region 5 Convention –hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL.

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IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers

Saturday **9/18/20**  
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**Sep 26** Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Info contact: (630) 969-1847  
Email: [pthpowerinc@aol.com](mailto:pthpowerinc@aol.com)

## October 2 1<sup>st</sup> Great Lakes Challenge

WEST MICHIGAN AVIATION ACADEMY

**1st Great Lakes Challenge**  
Model Contest

Presented by IPMS/West Michigan and West Michigan Aviation Academy

**When:** Saturday, October 2, 2021  
9:00 AM to 6:00 PM (EDT)

**Where:** West Michigan Aviation Academy  
5363 44<sup>th</sup> St. S.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49512

55 Contest Categories including Out-of-the-Box & Basic Building.  
5 Special Awards- Theme Award: Great Lakes Subject

47 Vendor Tables selling model kits and modeling supplies.

Building and modeling info seminars.  
Raffle Prizes all day long.  
Model Make & Take for new and Junior modelers.

This is new larger venue: The West Michigan Aviation Academy  
Located at the Gerald R. Ford International Airport

For information on the Contest, Vendor Tables, Sponsorship Possibilities, and Volunteering Contact: IPMS/West Michigan Contest Chairperson – Gordon Ensing  
[gordy@148afl.net](mailto:gordy@148afl.net)  
or  
Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/WestMichiganScaleModeling](https://www.facebook.com/WestMichiganScaleModeling)

## October 9 Grand Slam NNL 5

Swap Meet 10am-3pm  
NNL Model Show 10am-4pm  
Registration 10am-11am  
Judging Noon-11pm

**SLAM** GRAND SLAM NNL#5  
ADULTS' GRAND SLAM MEET

**MODEL SHOW & SWAP MEET**  
SAT OCTOBER 9TH 2021

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**Oct 17** Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
Phone: Jim Welytok 262-366-1314  
e-mail: [Unievents1@aol.com](mailto:Unievents1@aol.com)  
Web site address: <http://uniqueeventsshows.com>

**October 30** Winnebago Area Modelers Classic  
Hosted by Winnebago Auto Modelers  
Hilton Garden Inn Oshkosh WI  
Theme: Bootleggers, Gangsters and  
Moonshiners, Auto Challenge Class: 50 Years of  
Muscle Revell kits: 70 Firebird, 70 Mustang, 70  
Plymouth, Military Challenge Class: Gulf War  
8/2/90-2/28/91. Adults \$10.00, Juniors FREE,  
Spectators \$5.00 10:00 – 4:00 Info:  
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**Nov 7** Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show  
**American Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI???????**  
e-mail: [Unievents1@aol.com](mailto:Unievents1@aol.com)  
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**Nov 14** Motor City NNL 16  
Hosted by Detroit Area Auto Modelers  
McComb Comm College Expo Center Warren MI  
586-344-9496

**Dec 5** Tinley Park Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL  
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Web site address: <http://uniqueeventsshows.com>

If any readers wish their shows or any other  
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The dates for the final GSSL event have been  
set. It will be May 4-7, 2023.

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