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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2004 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake

Next GTR Meeting: May 15, 2004

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Route 31 about one mile north of Route 176

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GTR MAILBox

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

Fujimi is wasting no time in maximizing their return on the Porsche 917 mold. A third version, the white and red Salzburg team car from the 1971 Daytona 24 Hours, is now available.



The buzz is that two more versions featuring the vertical rear fins (the 1971 LeMans winner?) will be out soon.



Fujimi also will release two kits of the Lamborghini Murcielago. Tamiya plans a kit of the Porsche Carrera GT.

Real Life

The seven original Chaparral racecars designed by the legendary Jim Hall have been put on permanent display in the Chaparral Gallery within the Petroleum Museum in Midland, Texas.



For details see:
www.petroleummuseum.org

Media

The Champ Car race at Long Beach was a welcome sight, given their off season trials. The TV coverage is now on Spike TV, "The First Network for Men", featuring "lifestyle reporter"/model Bronte Tagliani, wife of driver Alex Tagliani. And they show a commercial of a beautiful model flagging a taxi and getting picked up by a two seat Champ Car driven by Ryan Hunter-Reay. One odd feature was the numerous commercials for Toyota featuring the Toyota Indy Racing League teams, Champ Car's rival! Word is that next year the Long Beach race, long sponsored by Toyota, will be an IRL race. Quite possibly Road America, too.

To see some great models of Can-Am racecars, check out the Grand Prix Modelers Association website at www.gpma.org.

Events

This Northern Illinois Modelers Open (NIMO 10) was back this year after a one-year break. Formerly held in August, it was moved to April 25,. It was at the same location, McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, but in a different spot. I don't have the final numbers yet, the contest tables looked a little lighter than previous years, There were over fifty vendor tables, with some good stuff available.

The Greater Minnesota Open NNL 6 will be held June 12 near the Mall of America.

See details on this and other events on the calendar page and our website.

GTR Club News

IPMS News

There are 193 local chapters renewed for 2004. IPMS national dues will increase to \$23.00 in July, renew now. Local chapters like GTR benefit in many ways, so help support the organization by joining or renewing your membership.

GTR News

The regular May meeting will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake on Saturday, May 15.

If you haven't paid your 2004 GTR dues of \$15 please do so in person or mail it to me (make checks payable to Chuck Herrmann, not GTR as we do not have an account).

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (June 2004) issue of the newsletter is May 30.

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, (with details on the recent NNL) IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, the IPMS/Bong Chapter in Milwaukee (now electronic), and Lake Michigan Model Car Club, with more details on the recent Beverly Hillbillies AMT/RC2 reissue kit than you may realized.

NNL GTR Display

In April there was no regular meeting, instead we had a display at the Milwaukee NNL 12 up in Waukesha. For a change the weather was warm. There were over 750 models on the tables, entered by 172 people.

In the back of the room, there were six tables of displays by local model clubs. This year, instead of just the checkered flag tablecloth GTR had a diorama, the "GTR Dream Garage". It was a six foot long building replicating a garage with member's models and various accessories inside.



There was also a parking lot outside.



Milwaukee NNL Report

by Chuck Herrmann

This twelfth annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by the AMG (Auto Modelers Group) was held this year on April 17, at the Quality Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn) in Waukesha, Wisconsin. For a change the weather was warm. There were over 750 models on the tables, entered by 172 people. The photographer from *Scale Auto* magazine was taking pictures. This year's theme was Animal Kingdom, with a subtheme of 40 Years of Mustangs.

GTR was represented by myself, Tim Leicht, John Schaefer, Steve Jahnke, Ken Zinnen and Andy Kinzelman. Several other clubs also had displays set up in the back of the room.

While mostly a non-competitive event, there were several awards presented, all based on popular voting. Among the winners was Best Theme model (Animals) was a Batmobile by Gregg Schmidt. Tom Nowak, with his Richard Petty Driving Experience Taurus, won the Alan Kulwicki Stock Car Model Award. And the Best Club display was won by the Winnebago Area Modelers for their Circus Train display.

Here's some pictures of models on display.



A resin Cadillac LeMans racer



Three 1/43 Trans-AM and IMSA Mustangs



Porsche 956 and 936



A collection of vintage 1/32 kits by the late model manufacturer Hawk.



A resin Bentley LeMans racer, a Heller 1968 McLaren Grand Prix racer and a resin Tyrell F1 car.



A resin Porsche 935 by Scale Coachworks.



Two Jaguar race cars, matching the cover photo on the magazine.



A VW Beetle police car.

So it was another great event, lots of nice models, a large raffle, and a great time hanging out with fellow modelers.

The date for next years show has been set for April 16, 2005, and the theme will be Beach Party. Get your Hawaiian shirts ready

Revell's Greenwood Corvette



Subject: John Greenwood's Corvette
Kit #: 85-2825 Scale: 1/25
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann



Kit Description

(from the instruction sheet)

One of the more notable names in Corvette performance and racing history is John Greenwood. Like many American car enthusiasts in the late 1960s, John was a drag racing fan. However, once learning about and then trying gymkhana type competition among non-professional drivers, John fell for road racing. At the time, he was driving a 1968 Corvette equipped with the special L-88 version of Chevy's big block 427 engine, so he had some pretty heavy-duty hardware to start with.

Greenwood went off to school, road racing school that is, and gained his SCCA competition license. Spending most of 1969 competing in regional SCCA events, John was a quick study. By 1970 he was competing and became national champion in the A/Production class, driving a 427 Corvette. The choice of mount was completely predictable as not too many people knew how to squeeze out more horsepower from a big block Chevy V8 than John Greenwood.

For the 12 Hours of Sebring race in 1971, John built a colorful red, white and blue C2 Corvette. A roadster with the optional removable roof fastened on, the #48 was again powered by the mighty 427 V8. Along with co-

Brothers comedy duo of the 1960s, John came in first in GT class, coming in 7th overall.

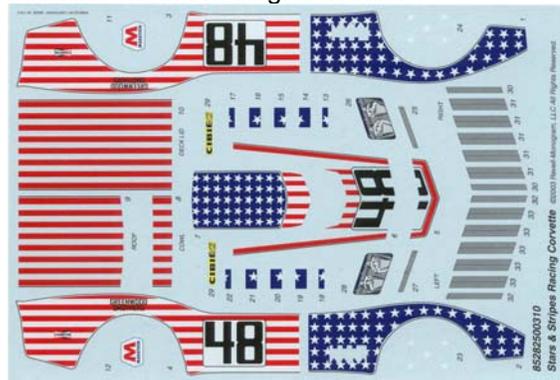
It is this car as it competed at Sebring in 1971 that we present for you in this Revell-Monogram kit. It features many vintage racing parts as well as beautiful silkscreen decals provided by Cartograf of Italy to depict the "Stars and Stripes" paint scheme.

Kit Review

This is a new release of a mold that has been previously issued. In the April 1992 CARS in Miniature I reviewed the Monogram Owens Corning Corvette roadster kit that I had just built, and this new kit seems to be based on that tooling.

This is a full details, with a complete engine, chassis and interior. Since the real subject was a modified street car, this is a stock Vette with racing parts added. The interior has clean door panels, racing seats and a roll cage. The engine looks stock to me; I am not expert enough to know if the real ones had more racing mods. There are racing side exhausts. There are dedicated racing wheels and tires, and rear fender flares are separate pieces to fit the wider tires.

What is new this time are the clear headlight covers, although if you use the decals to replicate lenses under them I am not sure how good that will look. There is also a separate hardtop here. Both these items were needed on the real thing to race at Sebring, in the night. And the nicest new addition is the beautiful sheet of Cartograf decals.



As I remember from building the earlier release twelve years ago, the model goes together nice and builds up into a nice model. The pieces still look clean, very little flash, so I would recommend this kit to Corvette and road racing fans.

2004 IPMS/GTR Calendar

May 5-7 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS/Great Plains
KCI Expo Center Kansas City, MO
Call Darren Roberts 913-782-1159
Darren.rpberts@ipmsgreatplains.com

May 13-16 Shizuoka (Japan) Hobby Show

May 30 Indy 500

May 22 IPMS Region 4 Convention
Hosted by IPMS/Fremont Kit Bashers and
IPMS Toledo Plastic Modelers
Owens Community College, Perrysville OH
Mark McGovern markathy@toast.net

June 12 GMO 6 NNL, theme Station Wagons.
Mall of America Grand Hotel
South Bloomington, MN
www.moagrandhotel.com 952-854-2244

June 12-13 24 Hours of LeMans

June 20 U.S Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, IN

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Civic Plaza Convention Center Phoenix, AZ
Auto Theme: Best Racing Vehicle
www.ipms2004.org

August 29 44th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake Michigan
Model Car Club
Dupage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL
Show: 630 969-1847
Contest: 630 268-0859

September 11 IPMS/Will-Cook The Show 10
Millennium/James Hart Cafetorium
Homewood, IL
Ed Mate obviouschoice@juno.com

September 18 IPMS/Kalamazoo Air Show
Kalamazoo, MI Clare Wentzel
cwentzel@yahoo.com

September 19 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

September 25 IPMS/Fort Crook (Nebraska)
Mid America Center
Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Cavel 402-493-9669

October 2 IPMS Duneland
Willowcreek Middle School
Portage, IN
John Fluck jfluck@aol.com

October 2-4 Toyko Hobby Show

October 9 I CON 4
Hosted by IPMS/Des Moines Hawkeyes
Northwest Comm Center, Des Moines, IA
K. Long klong41@aol.com

October 17 TriState Collectors Toy Show
(formerly Hillside)
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 14-17
iHobby Expo (formerly RCHTA)
Rosemont, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 23 IPMS/Glue Crew
Park Inn & Conference Center
Wausau, WI jdrew@dwave.net

November 13 22nd Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr HS Darrien, IL
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December 5 TriState Collectors Toy Show
Tinley Park HS , IL (formerly Hillside)
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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At last month's San Marino Grand Prix at Imola, the 10th anniversary of Ayrton Senna's death was commemorated in numerous ways. Above is Gerhard Berger driving Senna's Lotus in a tribute to the late champion.

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