



GTR Newsletter

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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2006 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: February 18, 2006

At The Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

Toyota to Nextel Cup in 2007



The first three teams to run Toyota Camrys in NASCAR premier Nextel Cup Series have been announced. Bill Davis Racing, Michael Waltrip Racing and all-new Team Red Bull were named as the first teams to run Toyotas in Nextel Cup and Busch Series races starting in 2007. The Japanese auto maker is the first foreign manufacturer since the 1950s to supply cars for NASCAR's top series.



Industry News



Revell AG (Germany) lists a 1/24 Cobra Kit 07367 on their website. I assume it is based on the US tooling, it looks to be a different set of markings than earlier US releases.

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS) Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Lake Michigan Model Car Club and *Dew Line* from the Upper Peninsula (MI) Scale Modelers.

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

Media

It looks like we will not see any rally racing on TV this year, Speed TV is not carrying the WRC events as they used to.

Check out a new website for automotive and racing hobby enthusiasts at:

is www.carsandRacingStuff.com

There is a forum, articles and photo gallery, all of which are looking for submissions.

Events

We are still awaiting final details on a contest to be held in conjunction with the annual Ferrari collectibles show at Continental Motors in Hinsdale, on April 1.

This year's Wheaton show is Feb 26 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton.

See the Events calendar for details and for all the events I know of.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 2-5, 2006 Kansas City, MO

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – TBA – East Region location

GTR Classifieds:

Want to trade a Tamiya Ferrari 360 Spider for a Ferrari 360 Modena. Contact:
Les Whitfield - lwhitfield@hotmail.com

Wanted: Decals Gauloises to fit 1/24 Schlessler Dakar Buggy, also instructions for AMT Jorgensen Indy Eagle kit
Chuck Herrmann - gtrchab@yahoo.com

Rockford Classic Plastic Event

On Sunday, January 29 the 7th annual Classic Plastic Contest and Swap was held at the Ken-Rock Community Center in Rockford. What a difference a year makes. Last year conflicts with Super Bowl Sunday and another local show saw a light turnout. This year the vendor room was packed and there were some pretty full tables in the contest room.



GTR had our usual table in the vendor room, and several members used it to sell off some surplus kits.



People's Choice Award Winner



Closed Wheel Competition table

GTR News

GTR Update

The February meeting of GTR will be at The Fountains of Crystal Lake on February 18.

2006 dues are being accepted, cost remains \$15.00. Please pay at the next meeting or mail to Chuck Herrmann. Make checks payable to Chuck Herrmann, not GTR. Last years dues expire March 31.

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (March) issue of the newsletter is March 4. Submissions are **desperately** needed.

January GTR Meeting

The January meeting of GTR was at The Fountains of Crystal Lake on January 21. We picked new officers for 2006. Ed Sexton will be President, and Steve Jahnke will be Vice President. Any new ideas for club activities or meetings are welcome.



Then we did the Treasury Report, accepted some dues payments and the Mailbag. Afterwards it was on to Show and Tell. Among the highlights were:



John Schaeffer: the scratch built 1/24

NASCAR hauler in progress. And the new DeWalt Taurus NASCAR kit from Revell, the Revell 06 Mustang kit in progress and the latest in JWTBM decals

Dave Edgecomb: 1/18 Classic Collectibles Caterpillar Ford Falcon racer, new Fujimi Ferrari F430 and Tamiya Ferrari F40 kits..



George Pritzen: a project to add a Mitsubishi Eclipse body on a funny car chassis with a big V-8.



Chuck Herrmann: 1/43 Monte Carlo rally diorama, a 1/48 Liaz Dakar truck in progress, Revell AG VW Race Touareg kit.

Ken Zinnen: Tamiya Subaru 2001 WRX in progress, Revell 1/24 2005 C6 Corvette in progress, Tameo 1/43 Williams F1 car in progress.

Frank Luque: lots of built models – a Tamiya Opel DTM, a 1966 Nova Wagon, three 1969 Corvette racers by Revell/Monogram: an Owns Corning roadster, the Greenwood Stars and Stripes recent release and the James Garner Sebring car using aftermarket decals. And *Godzilla*, a Barracuda Funny car powered by a Ferrari V12!



Revell's New Corvette CR6 ALMS/LeMans Racer

Here are some pictures of the test shots for the upcoming release from Revell of the latest generation Corvette race car. It is a totally new tool, with some great molding depicting the open louvers on the top of the fenders. It will have a few less pieces than the CR5 kits, but there is still a lot of detail, the design style compares to the Tamiya curbside-plus level of detail.



Revell AG 1/32 VW Dakar Touareg



Subject: 2005 Dakar Rallye VW Race Touareg
Manufacturer: Revell AG (Germany)
Kit Number: '07352 Scale: 1/32
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

This is a pre-painted 1/32 kit from Revell AG (Germany) that is similar to their earlier series of DTM and WRC race cars. These are all based on slot car bodies so the design is somewhat simplified. This series is based on vehicles from the 2004 Dakar Rally. The kit I built is the Volkswagen Race Touareg, one of the four factory entries in that year's race. Car #310 was driven by Jutta Kleinschmidt to a 3RD place overall finish in the two week rally,

The kit comes in a sturdy, colorful corrugated box with a clear plastic window to view the body. Each sprue comes individually wrapped in a plastic bag. The kit is molded in black, the painted parts are still attached to the sprues. The windows and lenses are clear.



The body comes pre-painted in metallic blue, with all the markings either painted on or pre applied decals. The VW, Red Bull and O2 markings along with all the contingency decals are all there. In comparing to the real cars,

the only things I see missing are Telefonica logos on from the number fields (Telefonica was the event sponsor that year) and in several other spots (instead there are a series of //). I assume this is due to the usual licensing costs and approval issues. There are no decals provided in the kit.



One issue all these kits have is that the paint is missing on some extra body pieces due to the attachment point of the part to the sprue. On this one, it is the rear wing, the part is attached on the outer edge, so it is visible on the assembled model. Careful scrapping with a hobby knife hides some of it but it is there. Otherwise everything fits very well and looks good when done.



The wheels come pre painted silver, the tires are rubber vinyl with the Goodrich logos applied, and these mount onto metal axles. The chassis is one basic piece, with molded in suspension arms. There are separate shock absorber pieces that snap in, while these come painted I did some touch ups because the visible edges were not fully covered..

The interior provides two seats, dash and steering wheel. This is the one area that extra painting will really enhance. I did the seats

in Tamiya German Gray, with the molded in seat belts painted in a light blue with silver hardware. I painted the knobs and buttons on the dash and console with silver and red. The roll cage is a flat piece that is bent into shape during the push in assembly; I did mine upside down the first time so it broke and I needed to glue it in then finish off painting the whole thing gray. An improvement on this kit is the full, deep interior as compared to the earlier flattened slot car style platforms, probably due to the added height of these off road racers.



After snapping the interior pieces onto the chassis once the suspension and wheels are in place, the only remaining step is to push in the one piece clear plastic windshield assembly in place on the underside of the roof then push in the lights (the taillights are pre painted in clear red and orange, add the wipers (these I glued in) and that is it.

In summary, for simple snap pre finished models these build up into nice shelf models that replicate the real subject nicely. A drawback is that it would be hard to do any of the other team cars, with different numbers and also a different color visor. Besides the VW, there is the race winning Mitsubishi Pajero as well as a BMW X5 and a Nissan pickup in this series,



The finished model compared to...



...the real car in action.



GTR Event Calendar

February 19 NASCAR Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway, Daytona FL

February 24-25 IPMS/Pathfinders
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Michael Rechlicz 608-845-7699
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February 26 Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
With model car contest hosted by Lake
Michigan Model Car Club
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL
630-993-0883

March 4 Hobbytown USA Contest
Hosted by Wittman IPMS Club
Appleton, WI

March 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 11-12 Toledo swap and NNL

March 18 Mobil1 Twelve Hours of Sebring
Sebring, Florida American LeMans Series

March 18 LOCON 2006 IPMS/Ft Crook
Mid America Center Council Bluffs, IA
Mike Cavel mcavel@tconl.com

March 18 11th Annual Show
IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim turek jitmodel@yahoo.com

Mar 26 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
With the 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall
Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 25 IPMS/Quad Cities
Holiday Inn Convention Center Davenport, IA
Glen Broman grbroman@aol.com

March 25-26 Mall Show/Toy & Farm Expo
IPMS/South Central Modelers
Fairmont Mall Fairmont, MN
Dan Bauer cinderjoe@hotmail.com

March 26 Annual Contest & Swap
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
Kevin Burns kib599@yahoo.com

April 22 Milwaukee NNL hosted by AMG
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI
Theme: That 70's NNL

April 22 IPMS Plastic Surgeons
Valley Church West Des Moines, IA
Greg Matge gmggha@mchsi.com

April 23 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Model Car
Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI.

May 6 IPMS/Duneland
Willowcreek Middle School
Portage, IN
Ron Fraser rsf2020@comcast.com

August 2-5 IMPS/USA National Convention
Kansas City, KS
www.ipmsusa.org

September 17 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 21 IPMS/Bong Event
Details TBD

October 28 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau Inn and Conf Center
Wausau, WI
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November 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall
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More Meeting Photos



More Rockford Classic Plastic Photos



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