



# GTR Newsletter

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Doug Fisher's Resin Sunoco Ferrari 512

## 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: March 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

### Hobby Industry News

Last month several big hobby industry events were held, the Nuremberg Toy Fair in Germany and the New York Toy Fair. Some new releases were announced, of interest to GTR guys would be:

**Tamiya:** 1/24 Raybrig NSX 2005 (updated Japanese series car) along with two 1/12 motorcycles, a Akai Yamaha YZR500 and a Pramac Ducati.

**RC2/AMT:** Lots of reissues, but for the next Fast & Furious 3 movie they will do new tooling for a 1/25 Nissan 350Z and a Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution VIII. Also a new tool 2006 Camaro Concept Car.

**Testor** is to do three versions of the 2006 Dodge Charger in plastic in 1/24, an R/T, a Daytona and a police car.

**Revell** will issue a 1/24 Ferrari F-430 by May.

The latest generation Corvette Grand Sport kits from Accurate Miniatures are now on your local hobby store's shelves.

### Revell Seit 50 Jahren in Europa

On the Revell Germany website, we learn that Revell AG is celebrating it's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of selling model kits in Europe. In 1956 they began importing kits from the US and Great Britain into an old cigar factory, and have gone from there. Some of their biggest sellers: the FockeDr.1 (Red Barron) and the Bismarck. Happy Anniversary Revell AG!  
[www.revell.de](http://www.revell.de)

### Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic 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), MAMA (Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc), 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

The IPMS/USA Journal has changed editorial staff, look for an updated format soon.

*Sporting Weekly*, a weekly publication from the *USA Today* family which formerly featured MLB and NFL coverage, has added NASCAR to its format.

### Events

The first hand built models contest to be held in conjunction with the annual Ferrari Club of America Expo at Continental Motors in Hinsdale, on April 1 has been confirmed.

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:

Wanted: Color photos from 1966 24 Hours of Daytona of the Roger Penske Corvette, GT Class winner – was it red or blue?. And color photos of #4 AJ Foyt Mustang from the 1966 Trans Am race at Sebring. Is it a white car with dark blue stripes?

Also need the instructions for AMT's 1/25 1978 Jorgensen Indy Eagle kit  
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## GTR Update

The March meeting of GTR will be at The Fountains of Crystal Lake on March 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 (April) issue of the newsletter is March 31. Submissions are **always** needed.

## February GTR Meeting

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



In the business portion, we agreed to not hold the regular April meeting but instead organize a group display at the Milwaukee NNL. Setting up some kind of car pool arrangement was discussed, details to follow. 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:  
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Steve Jahnke: A Revel Lamborghini Diablo roadster, Revell C5 and C6 Grand Sport Vettes, Revell Porsche Boxster, and an old Monogram metal body Jaguar XJ-120 built when it was new! Also a Revell 05 Mustang in progress and the new Revell US Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit.



John Schaeffer: NASCAR Hauler semi trailer in progress, a resin Freightliner conversion set, Firebird funny car in progress.

Doug Fisher: a resin Ferrari 512 Sunoco, now finished. Tamiya Mercedes DTM car, and an in progress UT Models Opel Old Spice DTM racer.



Mike Seigman; three built up 1/43 kits, a Silk Cur Jaguar Group C, a LeMans Corvette CR5 and the History Channel Porsche 911GT1 from the Daytona 24 Hours.



George Pritzen: a built up Testors small block Street Rod engine in 1/6.



Chuck Herrmann: two Monogram Porsche 911 Slantnoses, a red one finished and a yellow one in progress. And the built up 1/32 Revell VW Dakar Race Touareg, also the new 1966 Penske Corvette kit.



Ken Zinnen: three 1/43 kits – Tameo Shadow F1 Lion livery, BT45D Brabham F1 and Williams FW25.

Ed Sexton: literature from the Nuremberg Toy Fair and a Tamiya Peugeot 307 kit with photo etch detail set and Marlboro aftermarket decals.

# Revell 1966 Penske Corvette Kit: First Look

**Subject:** 1966 Penske Corvette  
**Manufacturer:** Revell  
**Kit Number:** 85-2863     **Scale:** 1/24  
**Reviewed by** Chuck Herrmann



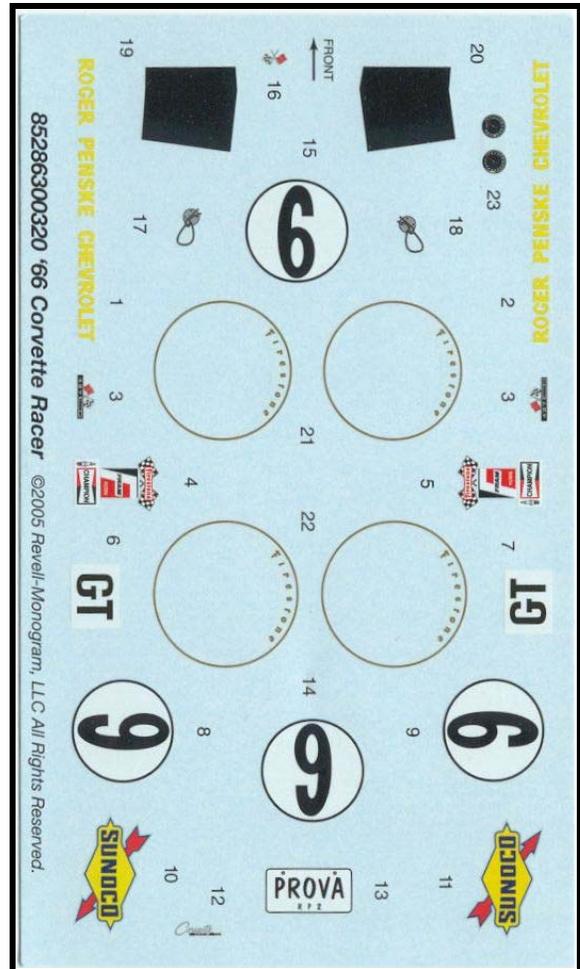
**Subject:** This kit is a replica of the 1966 Chevy Corvette coupe that was entered by Roger Penske in the 1966 Sebring 12 Hour race. The car won the GT class, as driven by George Wintersteen and Ben Moore, finishing 9th overall behind the overall winning Miles/Ruby Ford X-1 Roadster. (Penske also entered a second car in that race, a Corvette Grand Sport roadster in the same famous Sunoco blue and yellow markings, driven by Dick Thompson and Dick Guldstrand.)

The same Penske Corvette also won the GT class at the Daytona 24 Hours held earlier that year. The kit instructions tell us that car was red, as delivered by the Chevy factory to Penske Racing. The black & white photos I have found show a car #6, with Sonoco markings and dark (steel?) wheels. Assuming this car was indeed red, by turning the kit decals upside down and painting it red you could also model the Daytona car. If anyone has a color photo to verify this please let me know).

On to the kit

It is molded in white, with chrome and clear parts. There is full engine and chassis detail. There is a decal sheet for Sebring 1966 (note these are not by Catograph, as several recent Revell kits have been).

The racing parts have been added to the kit, including tires, wheels, roll bar, seat, air cleaner, exhaust and side pipes. There are also extra driving lights as used in the race.



The 427 Chevy engine is a 17 piece assembly, with a racing style air cleaner and race exhausts dumping into sidepipes on each side of the car, the box says these also should be Sunoco Yellow.

The interior is tub style, no back seat, the gauges are decals. There are no seat belts or belt decals included.

The rubber tires include tread detail which is right for the period. The decal sheets has both the Firestone lettering as well as the thin sidewall stripes from that era. The wheels are chromed mag style. To be accurate the spokes need to be painted Sunoco Yellow but the rims left chrome.

# Revell F1 McLaren Mercedes MP4-20

**Subject:** McLaren Mercedes MP4-20  
**Manufacturer:** Revell AG  
Kit Number: 07241      **Scale:** 1/24



Reviewed by Mike Klessig (from AMG newsletter)

After floundering in mid-pack for the last few seasons, Team McLaren Mercedes came back to make a strong showing at the end of the 2004 season. Rules changes for the 2005 season requiring engines to last for two full race weekends and tires that must last the whole race brought about a change in the hierarchy of Formula One's top teams. Gone was the dominance of Ferrari. McLaren and Renault were now fighting for the top honors. Lead McLaren driver Kimi Raikkonen came away with seven wins and second place in the driver's championship.

Revell's latest offering in their line of 1/24 scale F1 cars is their best yet. It is still a fairly simple curbside kit but it has enough detail to make it comparable to some much more expensive resin kits.

Construction starts with the assembly of the transaxle/rear suspension. While made up of only seven pieces, it is still complete enough to be convincing when finished. The instructions indicate to paint most of the pieces a mixture of gloss black and gold, which gives it a faux carbon fiber effect and actually looks pretty good. There are carbon fiber pattern decals provided for some of the rear wing elements and even some gold and chrome heat shield decals.

Next is the under tray. More black/gold mix for the upper surface, most of which will be covered by carbon fiber decals and semi gloss black underneath. Paint the skid plate wood brown and glue a couple strakes in the diffuser area and you are done.

If I had to gripe about something in this kit it would probably be about the cockpit. The seatbelts are molded into the seat and are really quite bland. I would have preferred installing my own aftermarket belts. It looked like it would be a pain to try and sand them away so I used them as is. All of the knobs and buttons on the steering wheel are taken care of with a decal.

I glued as many of the body parts together as possible and filled and sanded the seams where necessary so I could paint the whole thing as a unit. After studying the paint scheme for a while, I decided it would be easiest to paint the whole thing black first, then mask off and paint the silver. I used Tamiya spray gloss black straight from the can then waited a couple of days for it to dry. Then, using the box art and decals as a guide masked off the appropriate areas and sprayed Tamiya gloss aluminum, again straight from the can.

The decals in the kit are for either the Kimi Raikkonen or Juan Pablo Montoya for either the race at Magny Cours, France or Budapest, Hungary. If you decide to go for aftermarket decals to do one of the races with tobacco sponsorship, check your reference material for wing colors and other minor differences. The decals in the kit are nothing less than fantastic. Printing is crisp and colors vivid. I had no problem with bleed thru of the white decals over the black paint. The only decal that required a little work was the large white area on the side pod. It responded well to Micro-Sol and a little heat from my desk lamp and smoothed out perfectly.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable build and I would recommend the kit to anyone of moderate ability. It is a welcome addition to my collection.



# GTR Event Calendar

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](mailto:mcavel@tconl.com)

March 18 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Show  
IPMS/Mad City Modelers  
Radisson Inn Madison, WI  
Jim turek [jjtmodel@yahoo.com](mailto:jjtmodel@yahoo.com)

Mar 26 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show  
With the 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall  
Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 25 IPMS/Quad Cities  
Holiday Inn Convention Center Davenport, IA  
Glen Broman [grbroman@aol.com](mailto:grbroman@aol.com)

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

March 25 Annual Contest & Swap  
Hosted by IPMS/Roscoe Turner  
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN  
Kevin Burns [kib599@yahoo.com](mailto:kib599@yahoo.com)

April 8-9 Tamiya-Con 2006  
Tamiya USA Corporate HQ  
Aliseo Viejo, CA  
[www.tamiyausa.com](http://www.tamiyausa.com)

April 22 IPMS Plastic Surgeons  
Valley Church West Des Moines, IA  
Greg Matge [gmgaha@mchsi.com](mailto:gmgaha@mchsi.com)

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

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

May 6 Hoosier Model Car Assoc 26<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Swap and Contest  
1<sup>st</sup> Church of Nazarene  
Indianapolis, IN  
[indyhmca@hotmail.com](mailto:indyhmca@hotmail.com)

May 6 IPMS/Duneland  
Willowcreek Middle School  
Portage, IN  
Ron Fraser [rsf2020@comcast.com](mailto:rsf2020@comcast.com)

August 2-5 IMPS/USA National Convention  
Kansas City, KS  
[www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

September 17 Scale Auto Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

September 23 IPMS Twin Cities Aero  
Historians – details TBA

October 7-8 Toledo Swap and NNL

October 21 IPMS/Bong Event  
Midway Best Western Hotel  
Brookfield, WI <http://www.ipmsbong.org>

October 28 IPMS Glue Crew  
Wausau Inn and Conf Center  
Wausau, WI  
Joe Drew [jdrew@dwave.net](mailto:jdrew@dwave.net)

November 5 Scale Auto Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 11 IPMS/Butch O'hare  
Lakeview Jr High Darrien, IL

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show  
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall  
Countryside, IL  
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