



# GTR Newsletter

## April 2007

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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## GTR Auto Modelers

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

2007 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

**No April Regular Meeting: Milwaukee NNL**

**Next GTR Meeting: May 19, 2007**

**Fountains of Crystal Lake**

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# GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News



A new transkit to do a Trans-Am Paul Gentilozzi Jaguar in 1/24 is coming from BHP Enterprises. For details see M&S Hobbies, at [www.mshobbies.com](http://www.mshobbies.com).

From Historic Racing Miniatures (Harold Bradford) there is a new resin kit of the Cheetah coupe. I saw a sample at a recent CARS meeting and the casting detail is outstanding, some of the best resin ever, with 125 pieces including a molded clear plastic windshield.

## Media

With the move of Champ Car to a combination of CBS/NBC and ESPN coverage, Speed TV has even less programming of interest, since World Rally Championship, NASCAR Busch and IRL are also gone. At least they still have F1 and ALMS.

## Events

The 15<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee NNL is April 21, the theme is "A Flamin' Frenzy" – anything with flames, or fire apparatus. It will be at the same location as last year.

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

## Ferrari Expo 2007



The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ferrari Expo was held on March 17 at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale. This was the second year there was a model Contest, and this year a photo contest was added. There were lots of excellent models on the table. The classes were 1/43, 1/24-1/20 and Large Scale. Subject matter was F1 and sports car racing, along with exotic/import sports cars, to match the Expo theme.



GTR had a table, we provided some volunteers to help out with supporting the show. We were in the middle of several Maserati Quattroportes on the upper showroom floor. There were more model vendors this year, along with the usual Ferrari and Italian car memorabilia dealers.



There was a special category for Best Bugatti.



The usual auto showroom floor was filled with vendors



This Tamiya F40 was People's Choice for Best Ferrari model, as voted by the contest entrants.



This 1/12 F1 Renault won the Large Scale class.





The service area was open, it was a great chance to see some exotic real Ferraris, including examples of an F40, some 430 Challenges, a Superamerica, and a Daytona as well as a Jaguar XKE and a Porsche 356. There was a neat Alfa TZ1 race car.



It was a great day, lots of outstanding racing and sports car models in a unique setting.

## Rockford Classic Plastic

The 8th Classic Plastic event hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale and which was originally scheduled for Sunday, January 28, was held on March 18.

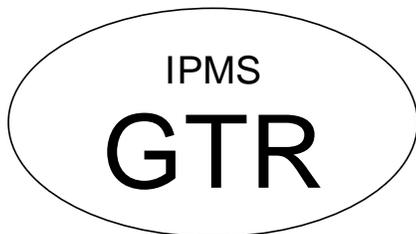


Attendance in the vendor room seemed a little lighter than last year but the contest turnout was pretty good. GTR had a table in the vendor area.





The Theme was Famous Cars (Movie/TV), this was the Theme winner.



## GTR News

### GTR Update

There is no regular meeting in April as that is the same day as the Milwaukee NNL in Waukesha. GTR will have our usual club table, so come on up to the show and bring a few models for the club table.

The May meeting will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. If anyone has any ideas for future meetings please let me know.

The dues for 2007 will remain at \$15, please pay me at the meeting or send a check (made out to me, not GTR as we have no account).

Also, I urge 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), or see me for membership forms.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line. Our website is rather basic, as are my webmaster skills, but if you go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://www.carsandracingstuff.com), click on Library, Browse Topics G-O, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

### 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, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Back Porch Modelers Group, Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS Racing Plastic Modelers (RPM) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

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

### March GTR Meeting

The March meeting was held on March 17, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. That was between the Ferrari Expo earlier on Saturday and the Rockford show on Sunday, so it was a busy weekend. During the business portion, we reviewed the Treasury Report, talked about the Ferrari Expo, then about upcoming events, including sponsoring a trophy package (Best Automotive) for the IPMS Region 5 Convention in June. Then it was on to Show and Tell.

Here are pictures of some of the stuff on display.

Ken Zinnen: Monogram 70 Buick GSX. 1/43 models – Starter Wrangler #3 Chevy and #94 Sunoco Olds NASCARs, Provance Moulage Toyota 92 and Ferrari 333P, Tameo Ferrari F187.





Mike Seigman: Lots of 1/43 models, which were also shown at the Ferrari Expo earlier in the day. Also, a Tamiya 1/24 Ferrari 360.



Ed Sexton: a Tameo white metal 1/24 Ferrari F1 2002.



Also, Ed showed a Revell Reynard Champ Car that featured a prototype engine that never made it into the production version of this series of kits.



Chuck Herrmann: a Monogram Ferrari 275P reworked into Mario Andretti's first sports car ride into in 1965, using Ricami decals. Also a Hornby 1/32 Porsche 911 GT3R in Jagemeister colors. And a resin 1/12 Enzo Ferrari bust.



# 2007 GTR Event Calendar

April 14 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Contest  
Hosted by IPMS/Plastic Surgeons  
West des Moines, IA  
[www.ipmsplastic/surgeions.com](http://www.ipmsplastic/surgeions.com)  
Glen Metge [gmgaha@mchsi.com](mailto:gmgaha@mchsi.com)

April 21 Milwaukee NNL 15  
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group  
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI  
Theme: Flames

April 21 IPMS/Mad City Modelers  
Radison Inn, Madison WI  
JimTurek [jjtmodel@yahoo.com](mailto:jjtmodel@yahoo.com)

April 22 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
Waukesha Cty Expo Cntr, Waukesha WI  
Joan dunn 262-646-4114

May 5 IPMS/Duneland  
Willowbrook middle School, Portage IN  
Bryan Warchus 219-762-9600

May 3-6 Great Salt Lake ChampionshipGSL-XXI  
Salt Lake City, UT  
[www.gslchampionship.org](http://www.gslchampionship.org)

May 27 Indianapolis 500  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 9 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Greater Minnesota Open NNL  
Comfort Inn Airport/Outback Steakhouse,  
Bloomington, MN  
[JKampmann@comcast.net](mailto:JKampmann@comcast.net)

June 8-9 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
Hosted by IPMS SPASM  
Knights of Columbus Hall Ottawa, IL  
Auto Theme: 40 Years of Camaros and Firebirds  
Steve Stohr 815-434-7297  
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June 17 US Grand Prix  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 17-18 LeMans 24 Hours  
LeMans, France

July 19-22 Redman Challenge Vintage  
Road Amrica, Elkhart Lake, WI  
[www.roadamerica.com](http://www.roadamerica.com)

August 11 3<sup>rd</sup> Plastic Summer Meltdown  
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature  
Algonquoin Township Office, Cary, IL  
[www.meltdown.carsandracingstuff.com](http://www.meltdown.carsandracingstuff.com)

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August 11 Road America ALMS  
August 12 Road America Champ Car  
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 22-25 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Anaheim Marriott, Anahiem CA  
[www.ipmsusa2007.org](http://www.ipmsusa2007.org)

September 15 IPMS/Gateway  
First Baptist Church, St. Louis MO  
Chris Merseal 314-832-4840

Sept 16 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 7 Collectors Classic w/1/43 Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 13 Toledo NL and Swap

October 13 IPMS Glue Crew  
Howard johnson's, Wausau WI  
Joe Drew 715-842-4840

October 18-21 iHobby Expo  
Donald E Stephens Conv Center, Rosement, IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

Nov 4 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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**IPMS USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anahiem, CA

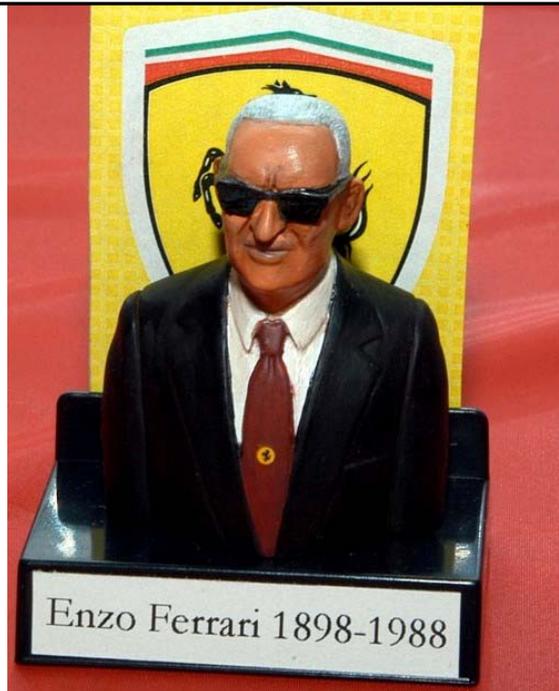
2008 – Viginia Beach, VA

2009 – TBA - Central US

2007 Region 5 Convention:

June 8-9, Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM

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**Next GTR Meeting: May 19, 2007**  
**See you at Milwaukee NNL April 21!**