



GTR Newsletter

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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

Next GTR Meeting: May 19, 2007

Fountains of Crystal Lake

On Rt 31, about one mile north of Rt 176

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News



Fujimi has announced a new injection molded 1/20 kit of Gilles Villeneuve's final machine (the one he was driving at the time of his fatal accident), the Ferrari 126C2.

Also Fujimi looks to be reissuing the Ferrari 330 P4 in 1/24 soon.



Studio 27 has announced a new resin multimedia 1/20 kit of the Ferrari F399 as raced at Monaco in 1999.

Model Factory Hiro will offer a series of Ferrari F248F1 high end resin kits, with the cars configured as raced at specific events.



Revell had a test shot of their new Audi R10 TDI diesel LeMans kit at the Milwaukee NNL. It is a full detail kit, including the engine. The built up kit was on display along with the parts trees, but no decals. Looks like a nice model, should be in the US late summer.



Also, Revell AG will be releasing a Ferrari 250 GTO kit, a reissue of the Italeri mold that has not been readily available for a while.

Real World

McLaren has been testing a new "two-story" front wing, will this be the next new trend in F1 design?



Media

From Foxsports.com 4/27/07:

Two-time champion **Tony Stewart** likened NASCAR to professional wrestling and accused it of using bogus caution flags to shape races in biting comments made on his weekly radio show.

"I guess NASCAR thinks 'Hey, wrestling worked, and it was for the most part staged, so I guess it's going to work in racing, too,'" he said. "I can't understand how long the fans are going to let NASCAR treat them like they're stupid before the fans finally turn on NASCAR." Apparently he has since apologized for speaking out of frustration. But this is not the first time someone has made such comments.....

Revell-Monogram Sold!



HOBBICO ACQUIRES REVELL-MONOGRAM

Champaign, Illinois, May 2, 2007 - Hobbico, Inc. announced today that it has acquired Revell-Monogram. Revell will continue to operate from its Northbrook, Illinois headquarters and will be led by Jim Foster, the company's President since 2002 and a hobby industry veteran for over 40 years.

Revell is a world wide leader in detailed, scale model kits including cars, trucks, ships, and planes. Founded over 60 years ago, the company markets under the brands of Revell and Monogram which were combined in 1986. In September 2006, Revell's European business was sold to a group led by Revell GmbH management.

Hobbico is the world's leading manufacturer, distributor and retailer of model hobby products, including radio controlled models, plastic model kits, trains and other hobby products. The employee-owned company sells products through hobby shops, toy stores, chain stores as well as its retail subsidiary, Tower Hobbies.

"Revell has had seven different owners over the last 37 years," said Jim Foster, "but this new combination with Hobbico represents a unique partnership that provides stability for the company's dedicated staff and the resources they need to create exciting new models. Hobbico understands what's important to serious modelers. Joining the strengths of the two companies will lead to products that modelers will really appreciate."

Revell's research and development staff
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includes many talented professionals who have been with the company for as long as five decades. They will continue to manage the creation and manufacturing of all new and existing products from their facility in the Chicago area.

"Many modelers who fly or drive R/C got their start in the hobby by building a plastic model kit," said Wayne Hemming, President of Hobbico. "Plastic kits are the foundation of model building. We are committed to giving Revell the support it needs to continue its 60-year tradition of quality and excellence in plastic models."

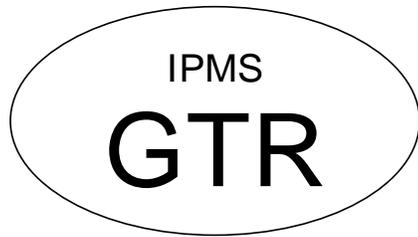
The Revell and Monogram brands both originated in 1945. Revell started out with plastic toys. Their first plastic model kits sold in 1951 were a series of vintage cars called Revell Highway Pioneers. The first model was a 1913 Maxwell, a car made famous by comedian Jack Benny.

Monogram started with wooden ship models and progressed to flying control-line and free flight airplanes as well as CO2-powered cars. Their first all-plastic kit, a midget racing car, came in 1954 and sold for 98¢. Next came a Hot Rod and a Racing Speedboat which both were sold as "Snap-Fit and Press-Fit for Jiffy Assembly."

"Both Revell and Monogram have produced literally thousands of different models over their long history," said Jim Foster. "Every effort has been made to preserve the production tooling for possible future re-releases. Over the coming years, we will work to not only create exciting new releases, but also bring back many classic favorites from years gone by."

Press release from www.revell.com





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GTR Update

There was no regular meeting in April as that was the same day as the Milwaukee NNL in Waukesha. GTR had a club table several members were there. See photos from the event later in this issue.

The May meeting will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. In June we will take a road trip, the meeting will be at my house in Cary. If anyone has suggestions for a future meeting 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). Dues expired in April, please renew so GTR can help support local events.

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, 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, 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.

Events

The IPMS Region 5 Convention is June 8-9, in Ottawa, IL. GTR has sponsored the Best Automotive trophy.

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

Milwaukee NNL 15

The 2007 Milwaukee NNL 15 was held April 21 at the Excellence Center in Waukesha. It was the same location and format as the last several years. There were over 600 models on display, and there was a large raffle. *Scale Auto* magazine was on hand taking pictures of select models.

There were club display tables from GTR, CARS in Miniature, Winnebago Area Modelers and the Springfield Auto Modelers.



GTR club display table.



CARS in Miniature won the vote for best club display.





AMT 29 Ford built per the original box art.



A large scale Tamiya Porsche.



The racing table was crowded.



Below, a 1/43rd Indy 500 winning Chapparral.



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Tamiya racing motorcycle.



There was a whole lineup of Porsche 917s.



An Eagle F5000/Formula A racer.



Best Theme (Hot, Hot, Hot) Winner: Zippo Lighter car by Greg Schmidt.



Short track modified diorama



Resin kit of the IMSA champion Lola T600



This Jeff Gordon NASCAR Monte Carlo by Clay Kemp was voted Winner of the Alan Kulwicki Memorial Best Stock Car Award



2007 GTR Event Calendar

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

May 27 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 9 9th Annual Greater Minnesota Open NNL
Comfort Inn Airport/Outback Steakhouse,
Bloomington, MN
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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 America, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

August 11 3rd Plastic Summer Meltdown
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office, Cary, IL
www.meltdown.carsandracingstuff.com

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

August 22-25 IPMS/USA National Convention
Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim CA
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

October 7 Collectors Classic w/143 Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
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, Rosemont, IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Nov 4 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

? = event or date not yet confirmed as of this printing

IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

2009 – TBA - Central US

2007 Region 5 Convention:

June 8-9, Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM



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The recent Artropolis event in Chicago's Merchandise Mart featured this Audi A4 with a special paint job.

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