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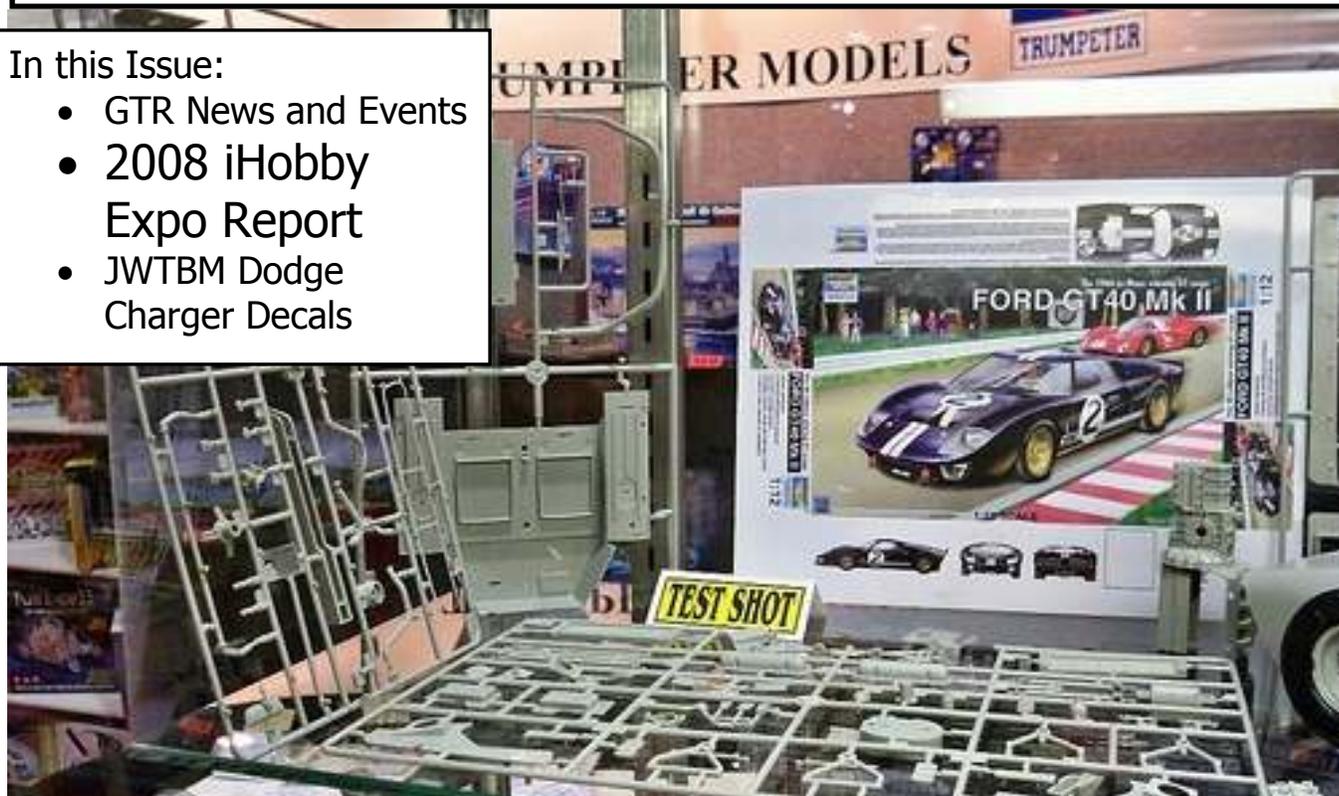
Newsletter

November 2008

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year
2008 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

November Meeting at the Fountains of Crystal Lake
On Rt 31 about one mile north of Rt 176

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Check out the GTR Auto Modelers website at: www.gtrautomodelers.freemove.com

GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

The 2008 iHobby Expo, the annual hobby and model industry trade show was held in Rosemont, IL October 16-19, but only Saturday and Sunday were open to the public. See the article by GTR's Gerry Paquette elsewhere this issue.

Revell of Germany has released a Ferrari F2007 F1 in their series of 1/24 Grand Prix kits, to do World Champion Kimi Raikkonen's car from last year.



Auto World Retro T-Shirts

Round2, the company that recently just announced they will be reissuing AMT kits, also has a website under their Auto World licensing agreement that features some neat old school Auto World t-shirts. Prior to the internet, the Auto World mail order catalogs were the place to source neat kits and aftermarket parts back in the 60's and 70's.



These shirts are \$14.95, and for some old time modelers will bring back some fond memories.



Check it out at: www.autoworldslotcars.com

Fisher Models Resin Kits

Many of the great resin kits by Fisher Models and Patterns are available again. This is supposed to be a limited time offer, so act quickly if you missed these the first time. There are lots of great sports car and Can am racing subjects in their catalog.



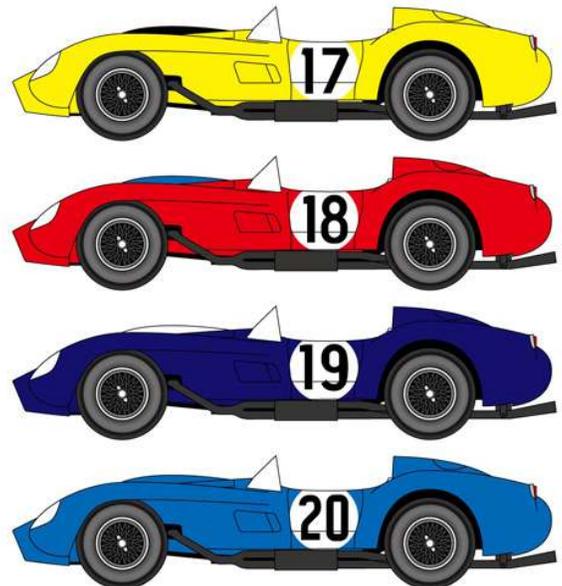
For the full list check out:

www.fishermodels.com

Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa Decals

Studio 27 has released four new sheets of decals for alternate versions of the Hasegawa Testa Rossa kit.

ST27-DC762 1/24 250TR LM 1958 1



STDC762 1958 LeMans 1, STDC763 1958 LeMans 2, STDC764 1959 LeMans, STDC765 1958 Sebring. 1/24 \$13.00 - \$18.00.

Available from the usual Studio 27 sources.

Events

The 2009 Rockford Classic Plastic event will be held on the 4th Sunday of January, 1/24/2009.

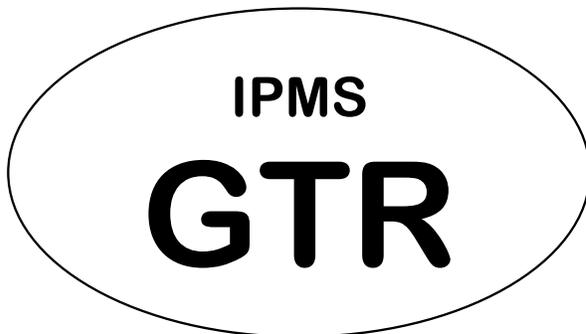
See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. Next issue I will continue to add 2009 events, if any readers wish their events listed send the information along. If any readers are aware of any other events of interest to GTR please send them along to me.

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), Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS/Racing Plastic Modelers (RPM), IPMS/Quad Cities, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

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



GTR News

GTR Update

The November meeting will be Nov. 15 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. For December let me know if we want to move up the date as we have done recently, since the usual third Saturday is busy for many members as it is so close to the Christmas holiday.

We also need to decide if we want to host the Summer GTR NNL again next year, and begin the planning for it.

Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so at either at the meetings or contact me.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We are now going through the annual re-charter process in October. That means I will update the member records, including national IPMS membership. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew. Please let me know if you are a national member, I will probably be sending out emails to confirm. Or if you could join the IPMS it will help the club and the hobby. 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.

Go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, then click on Newsletters, 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.

October GTR Meeting

The October meeting was held 10/18/2008 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake.

Turnout was light, no business was discussed but there was some nice stuff on the Show and Tell table. Some pictures follow.

Steve Jahnke



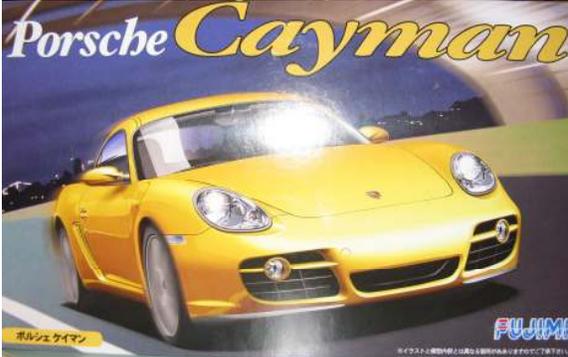
Corvette Grand Sport rebuild in progress



63 Corvette



Revell Audi R8 painted body, Porsche kit below.



George Pritzen:



Maisto Chrysler Concept car body.

Gary Dobson:



Fujimi Porsche 917, almost finished!



HO Slot cars, Trans Am Mustang and Camaro along with a plastic body Nissan IMSA racer.

GTR Classifieds

For Sale: Selling Off Collection

Over 300 Plastic Kits: Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasagawa, Revell/Monogram, MPC, AMT and more 1/18th Diecast : Exoto, CMC, Auto Art, GMP, Minichamps, NASCAR, etc.

Resin Kits: Fisher, Renaissance, LeMans Miniatures, Profil 24, CMA, Scale Designs.

Most kits new, some slightly started, mostly race cars and exotics, ASA, Formula 1's.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, (815)334-1521, (815)566-2339, jedgeco@hotmail.com

Wanted: Carb air box for the Revell Thunderbolt Fairlane, pristine or painted don't care

Contact Steve Jahnke at

stevejahnke@comcast.net or 847-516-8515

Wanted: Window glass for Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit.

Also, decals for SCTA (*Southern California Timing Assoc*) for a Bonneville Salt Flats racer project.

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IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

2009 – Aug 19-22 Columbus, OH

2010 - Phoenix, AZ

2009 Region 5 Convention:

March 13-14 Madison, WI

2008 iHobby Expo

This years iHobby Expo hobby industry trade show was held October 16-19 at the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL.



GTR's Gerry Paquette provided the following report, and the photos are from Gerry and Steve Jahnke.

Revell



Not a lot from Revell for early 2009. Expect more announcements for later 2009. No specific announcement dates were given to me, but here are some 1/24-1/25 kits coming between now and mid-2009:

- 69 Camaro Z/28 (Snap)
- 69 Chevy Nova Yenko
- 32 Ford Five Window Coupe
- 1/24 '36 Ford
- 64 1/2 Mustang Convertible
- 08 Dodge Challenger SRT 8
- Bathtub Buggy
- Rommel's Rod
- Tijuana Taxi
- Red Baron.

Also, expect the 57 Chevy "Black Widow" after Christmas.



Round 2/Autoworld



Round 2 (AMT/MPC, etc) was there showing off upcoming reissues. Some reverse engineering for parts is going on. On the 62 Pontiac Catalina, they're trying to get the rights to do an Arnie Beswick drag car. There would be new box art if they can make it happen. Here is what is announced for reissues:

- AMT - 2008 Challenger SRT8 (Snap from diecast) -MAR
- AMT - Depth Charger - APR
- AMT - Double Dragster - OCT
- AMT - 1925 'T' Coupe/Roadster - OCT
- AMT - White-Freightliner Dual Drive - MAY
- AMT - Fruehauf Flatbed Trailer - MAR
- AMT - 2008 Challenger R/T - MAR
- AMT - 1962 Buick Electra - MAR
- AMT - Ivo Front Engine Dragster - MAY
- AMT - Peerless Logging Trailer - OCT
- AMT - Munster Koach & Dragula - APR
- AMT - 1962 Pontiac Catalina - SEPT
- AMT - IH Transtar 4300 Eagle - NOV
- MPC - General Lee Charger - AUG
- MPC - Roscoe Police Monaco - AUG
- MPC - Willys Paddy Wagon - FEB
- MPC - Daisy's Plymouth - AUG
- MPC - 1950 Merc -FEB





Lindberg

From Lindberg, The Charger police car and more truck kits are probably the most interesting to many of us. The police car sample looked really good and I got some close-ups of the interior.



Also, they showed Ford Flathead 4 and V8 engine models.



Another entry from Lindberg is new Aqueous paints (no aerosols) that includes car colors as well as military. They've also had various airbrushes made to their specifications.

MRC

The big thing from MRC is that they have the license to bring in anything from Aoshima. That means the cars, wheel sets, etc. I know many of us order from Japan today. Supposedly, MRC is working with Aoshima to get LH dashboards on several of the cars. Sorry, but I wasn't able to determine if it included newer cars like the Lexus IS350 and Harrier (Lexus RX 350).





Testors

Testors had their new paint colors there. Nothing much new with them. I mentioned about reducing the size of the metallics in the first issue and was told they're looking into it. Time will time if that was a factual response.



And, Accurate Miniatures restated what they told me last year regarding new car models. It is not in the cards at this point in time.

(Tamiya again did not have a booth at the Expo – ed.)



Stevens/Trumpeter

Stevens International had a test shot of the Trumpeter 1/12 Ford GT/40 model at the show. No idea on when available or cost.



Lots of interesting diecast models, including some pricey stuff like the 1/6th scale 57 Corvette Fuelie from Highway 61. And, there were a variety of HO scale models as well.

GTR Event Calendar

November 8 Scale Auto, Hobby & Toy Swap
 Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
 Jim Welytok 262-246-7171
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 8 26th Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare
 Model Contest and Swap
 Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove, IL
 773-804-1584
 Marco Fernandez mfchi@sbcglobal.net

Nov 8 13th Annual Southern Nationals NNL
 Atlanta Model Car Enthusiasts
 Smyrna Comm Center, Smyrna GA
www.acme-ipms.com/2008_nnl.htm

November 15 4 pm til? Pizza and Plastic
 Jane Addams Center, Cedarville, IL
 NNL Style Event, no swap
discodiva5003@yahoo.com

December 7 Tinley Park Toy Show
 Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
 Jim Welytok 262-246-7171
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 14 34th Milwaukee Miniature Motors
 Model Car Swap Meet
 Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

2009

January 24 Classic Plastic Contest & Swap
 Rockford, IL
 Dan Myers dfmyers@aeroinc.net

February 2 Hope it don't Snow Show
 IPMS Zumbro Rochester, MN

March 13-14 IPMS Region 5 Convention and
 Mad City Modeler 14th Annual Show
 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
 Madison Area West Middleton, WI
 Jim Turek 608-329-7222
jtunek@tds.net

March 29 Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
 DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL

April 4 Somthingth Annual Event
 Marquette, MI
 Upper Penninsula (MI) Scale Modelers

April 18 Wisconsin NNL 17
 Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
 Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
mdowd@wi.rr.com scottiekl@charter.net

April 18 23rd Annual NNL East
 Wayne P.A.L Building, Wayne NJ
 Tom Geiger nnleast@aol.com
www.nnleast.com

April 25 15th Annual Contest
 IPMS/West Des Moines
 Point of Grace Church, Wauke IA

April 30-May3 GSL-XXII Great Salt Lake
 International Scale Vehicle Championship
 Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre
www.gslchampionship.org

June 13-14 Heartland Model Car Nationals
 Hosted by Kansas City Slammers
 Overland Park Con. Center Overland Park KS
 Bill Barker wlb19@yahoo.com

August 19-22 IPMS/USA National Convention
 IPMS/Eddie Rickenbacker
 Greater Columbus convention Center
 Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa2009.org

October 22-25 iHobby Expo
 Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

More diecasts from the 2008 iHobby Expo



Product Review: JWTBM Charger Decals

Subject: Dodge Charger, R/T, Super Bee, and Chrysler 300C, SRT 8 Decals

Mfg: JWTBM **Scale:** 1/25 **MSRP:** \$13.99

Kit #: #167-0608A and #167-0608B

Reviewed by Steve Jahnke

"Holy Hemi Batman, look at these neat new decals for the Testors/Lindberg Charger and AMT/ERTL Chrysler 300C!! Yes Robin, JWTBM has done it again with his great decals; you know the ones that John Shafer has printed by Italy's famed decal house Chartograph? They are awesome to say the least"

Maybe Robin and Batman didn't have this conversation but you sure will when you get a look at these recently released decals by JWTBM (Just Want to Build Models) creator and GTR's own John Shafer. A MSRP of \$13.99 doesn't begin to justify the value of the two (2) sheets of decals included in the price and the variations that are possible with these sheets.

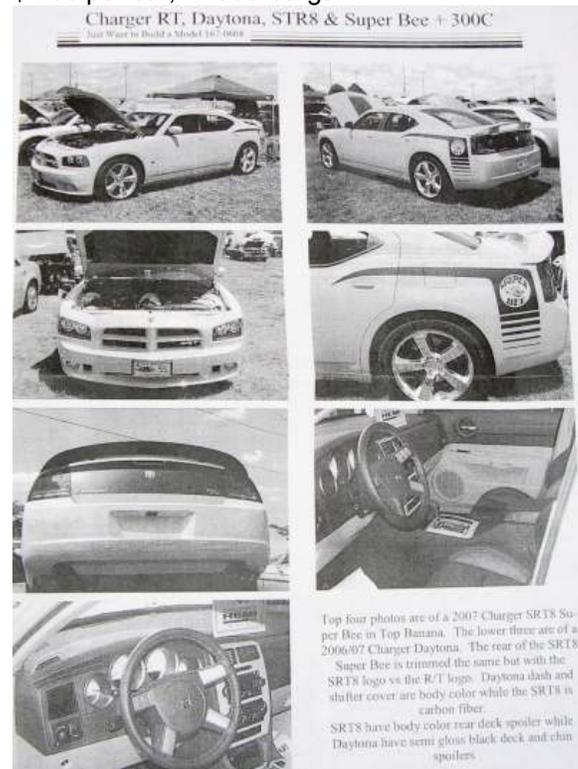
"Well Batman what do I get for 14 clams?" "Robin, I am glad you asked that faithful sidekick." First if you have either a Testors or Lindberg Charger sitting in your kit stash (some of us more than one... uhhummmm) and you are trying to decide what color to paint the beast from the wide world of color from mild to wild, you now have the choice of either BLACK or WHITE graphics. You know the conundrum, Plum Crazy and black graphics as supplied by the manufacturer, OR as all new doors and consciousness are opened with the possibilities of white graphics. "I THINK JWTBM IS ONTO SOMETHING BATMAN!" "Right-o Robin, JWTBM struck a chord with this one all right; off to the Batcave for some well deserved modeling time, let's ask Alfred to join us!"



Seriously folks, these are truly great decals for your Charger/300C projects. The modeler has the options to correctly and fully decal their

Charger Daytona/RT with either black or white graphics as one of the following: Daytona R/T, two styles of Super Bee (modern hockey stick or retro bumble bee style) and true retro Hemi billboard style. Actually there are enough decals for two complete cars....OK that's \$7.00 per car for just those two options. Included on the large sheet are the main exterior graphics, interior decals for the instrument panel and under the hood goodies. Did I mention that JWTBM includes killer "chrome" decals and full 4 color art where required?

But wait there is more... do you have an AMT/ERTL Chrysler 300C's gathering dust in your stash as well? fear not Bunkie, JWTBM also includes on the very same decal sheet, an absolutely gorgeous, crisp and clear 4 color and chrome decals to be-deck your C wagon's exterior, interior and under hood with a myriad of colorful and correct graphics. So, that makes 3 cars from 'one' decal purchasethat's ahhhhh \$4.66 per car, what a bargain.



What ever you do, buy one of these sheets, shove it under your magnifying glass and look at the detail, you will be blown away, and by the way you will be happy with the results on your Charger/300C model as well...buy itrecommended at 5 tight lug nuts. Oh, BTW, JWTBM also produces a line of fine racing decals too....sort of sideline for them.

Look for them and how to buy them at the JWTBM website: <http://www.jwtbmracing.com/>

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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