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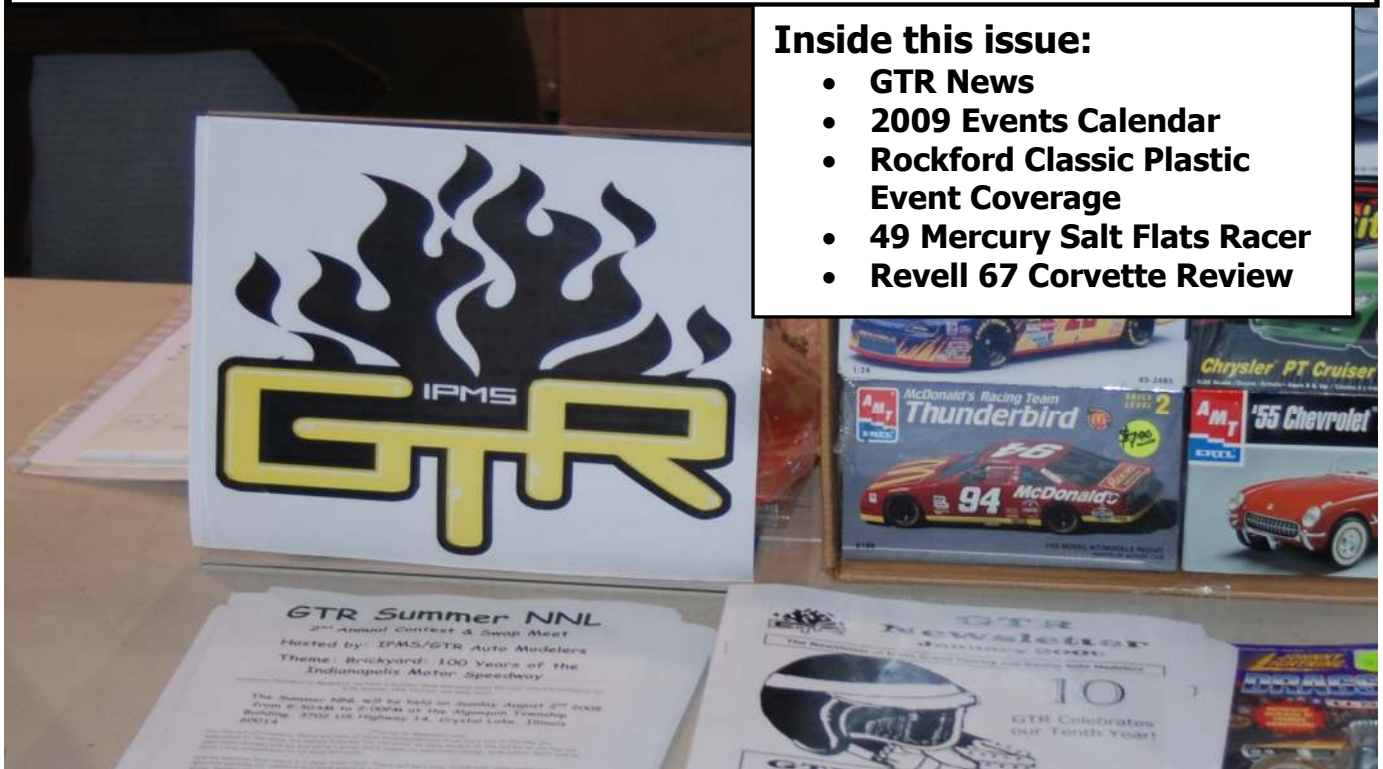
## Newsletter

### February 2009

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

2009 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

**February Meeting at The Fountains of Crystal Lake**

**On Rt. 31 about one mile north of Rt. 176**

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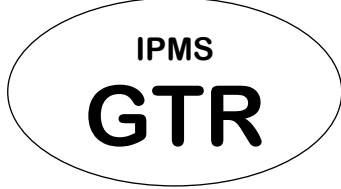
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# GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann



## Real World

### US Car Manufacturers get Bad News

In December, for the first time ever, Toyota sold more cars in a month than GM, taking over the #1 spot for the first time ever (although in today's market, that meant their sales did not drop off as much as GMs did, rather than climbing past them). And then we hear that in January for the first time ever sales of motor vehicles were greater in China than the US (even though they dropped 14.4% the US dropped 37%).

Add in all the bailout/loan finance issues raging over the US auto industry and it looks like Detroit will be in a rough ride for quite a while.

### An American F1 Team in 2010?

From [www.foxsports.com](http://www.foxsports.com):

An American team will be racing in Formula One next year, and IndyCar driver Danica Patrick is a candidate to fill one of the seats. USF1, which will be unveiled Feb. 24, will have a staff of at least 100, a working budget of \$64 million and an aim to put two American drivers on the starting grid. The team is looking at several candidates, including the 26-year-old Patrick. "She's great. She gets a lot of press," USF1 technical director Ken Anderson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. NASCAR driver [Scott Speed](#), who raced 28 times for F1 team Toro Rosso from 2006-07, is also a candidate. Conor Daly — son of former F1 driver Derek Daly — and Josef Newgarden are also being mentioned, with both drivers presently competing in European junior categories.

### Dakar 2009

Volkswagen has won the 2009 Dakar Rally, held in South America (through Argentina and Chile) instead of Africa this year. Giniel De Villiers of South Africa was the winner, his American teammate Mark Miller was second and Robby Gordon's Hummer come in third. But it has been announced that Mitsubishi will drop out of the Dakar next year, and VW is rumored to as well, more cutbacks due to the world financial situation.



Below, Mark Miller



Robby Gordon's Dakar Hummer



### New ALMS cars for 2009



Above is the new GT2 ALMS BMW from the Bobby Rahal team, and below is the new Accura P1 prototype from the Gil De Ferran team, seen at a recent test day at Sebring. Check out all the front winglets on the Accura.



## Events

### GTR NNL Update:

GTR will to host the Summer GTR NNL again this year. The date is Sunday, August 2, 2009. It will be the same NNL format and Trunk Sale swap meet as last year. The location is reserved, the Algonquin Township Office in Crystal Lake, and the theme is Brickyard: 100 Years of Racing at the Indy Motor Speedway. IPMS/USA has approved the date, it is listed on the IPMS/USA website, and the GTR website has a page with all the details. Trophy packages are now being offered, for \$35.

See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. I will continue to add 2009 events; if any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

### Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club (LMMCC).

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

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line.

Go to [www.carsandracingstuff.com](http://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.

# GTR

## Celebrates our Tenth Year!

### 1999 – 2008

In 2009 IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers will celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The first newsletter was published in February, 1999 with details from the first meeting held in January and the decision to forge ahead and start a new club. The main article that month was a review of the Accurate Miniatures McLaren M8B. This was a highly anticipated kit, but looking back for a number of reasons it never caught on with modelers.

# GTR News

### GTR Update

The next meeting will be on the usual third Saturday, so it will be February 21. For 2009 the GTR dues will remain at \$15. 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. So far the main club activities are the GTR display at the Milwaukee NNL in April and the Summer NNL

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew, we are close as usual. If you could join IPMS it will help out 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.



### January GTR Meeting

The January meeting was on 1/17/09 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. It was a bitter cold winter night, so attendance was light. During the business section we:

- Approved the 2009 GTR NNL
- Voted to keep dues at \$15 for 2009.
- Discussed getting a club table at the Ferrari Expo in April
- Approved sponsoring trophy packages for the Ferrari Expo and the Region 5 IPMS Convention in Madison in April.

Then it was on to show and Tell. The theme was Dakar or Off Road. Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.



Chuck Herrmann: 1/32 Revell VW Taureg, Monti 1/48 Liaz rally truck and a 1/43 Maisto Schessler buggy, all from the Dakar Rally.

Steve Jahnke: Revell BMW 507



Italeri Mercedes Benz 300SL



A die cast model of the Jaguar XK120 built back when this old kit was still current.



And finally a Revell Germany Ferrari F1 2000 (this would fit our Brickyard theme for the Summer NNL.....



Dave Edgecomb:

A Bandai 1/16 Porsche 906 kit, along with a Tamiya 1/12 Yamaha YZR-M1 kit with the detail set.



### 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. Also many slot cars.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, 815-566-2339 or [jedgeco@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:stevejahnke@comcast.net) or 847-516-8515

Wanted: Window glass for Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit. And the windshield glass for AMT Ferrari 512BB kit 8687.  
 Chuck Herrmann 847-516-0211  
[www.gtrchab@yahoo.com](http://www.gtrchab@yahoo.com)

## Rockford Classic Plastic Event

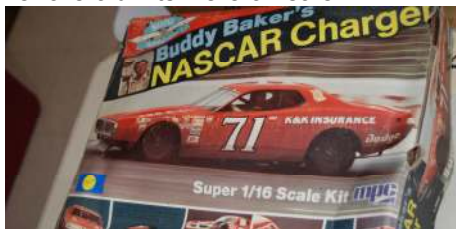
The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Plastic event, sponsored by Rockford Wheels in Scale, was held Sunday January 25 at its usual location, the Ken-Rock Community Center in Rockford, IL. GTR had a club table – see the cover photo. We had 7-8 members stop by for a while, to sell some of their wares.



While attendance seemed a little light, the vendor had a lot of goodies if you looked hard enough.



Above, one man's junk is another's treasure....  
 Below, some rare old kits were on sale.



A table full of built ups for sale.



In a change from past shows, rather than judging by category, there were two trophies awarded by popular vote.



People's Choice Winner



Best Theme: Nostalgia Drag



Resin body NASCAR Car of Tomorrow



Pontiac rat rod custom.

# Kit Review:

## Revell 1967 Corvette



**Kit: 1967 Corvette Sting Ray Coupe**  
**Mfg: Revell Kit #: 85-2050**  
**Scale: 1/25 MSRP \$22.95**

Reviewed by Steve Jahnke

The kit in review is the second generation Corvette, aptly named the Stingray. Under GM styling head Bill Mitchell, Larry Shinoda using styling cues from the never produced "Q Corvette" penned the final design of the Stingray that was introduced as a midyear 1963 model.

**The Kit:** This kit can be built into several different configurations depending on what floats your boat so to speak. The kit contains most of the same components as the 67 Corvette roadster including the 'stinger' hood so it can be built as a bone stock 427 coupe. The kit also contains an optional Grand Sport style hood, a Weber side-draft carb setup for the motor, racing side pipes and 60's style Mini-Lite wheels. As has been the recent custom of Revell (thank you very, very much) is a comprehensive decal sheet. It includes the stinger stripe in four colors, red-line tire decals for the Michelin TRX Rallye wheeled tires, instrument dials, full body emblems and 'artistic' body stripes.

For me it was the Gran Sport hood, Webers and racing side pipes that made me pull this kit off the shelf and take it home.

**The Pre-game Build:** I always start my build with painting the car body, Revell has been doing a fine job keeping their molds in good shape which meant that there was little cleanup save for the mold parting lines front and rear and by the doors. I first shot the body and GS style hood with my old standby Plasticote sandable primer, followed by a light wet sanding with a 4000 grit

sanding cloth. In keeping with a Corvette racing color theme, I chose Marina Blue for the color coat. Luckily I had a jar of Cobra Colors Marina blue in my stash to do the job. After the lacquer gassed out, I clear coated it with Testors One Coat Wet Look Gloss.



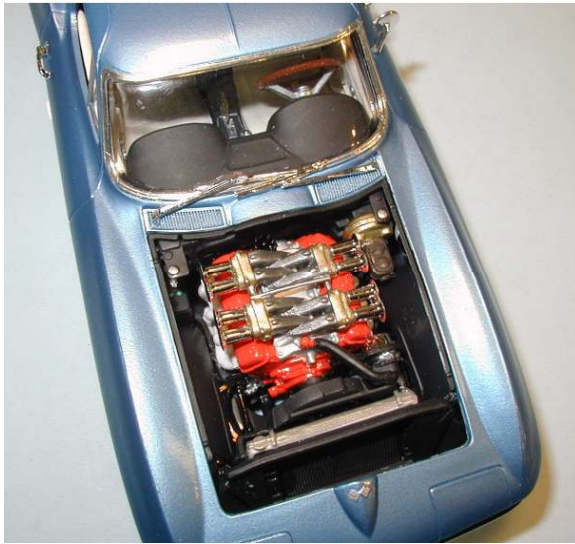
I set the body aside to dry thoroughly and started work on the motor and chassis. Since I was going to build it as a Grand Sport wanna-be I chose the Weber side drafts carbs for the induction system along with the big side pipes hanging off the side of the car. Street legal... you've got to be kidding. When you start the chassis you have to choose what wheel configuration you are going to use. The stock Rallye wheels attach to a separate set of front and rear suspension pieces designed in the traditional Revell molded snap-spindle method. If you choose the Mini-lights you are given a second set of front and rear suspension pieces that use a metal pin trapped in the wheel assembly that inserts into holes in the suspension.

Every thing in the interior is well detailed from the dash to the separately molded door panels to the included separately molded clear dome light. I painted the seats and door panels Krylon Dover White to contrast to the rest of the interior in Wal-Mart 99 cent flat black spray bomb paint.



**Putting it all together:** The 427 rat motor went together without a hitch. However it was a tight fit when installing the motor into the chassis with the rear suspension and drive shaft in place. The front inner fender splash shields took a little finagling to get them to fit properly as there are not any locating pins or other means to ensure proper placement. The interior went together again without a hitch, the shift lever is a work of art. I painted the gauge faces having forgotten there were decals for same. All of the 'glass' are separate pieces and mount from the inside. I used a DAP Beats the Nail white glue to mount the glass. I wet an old #2 paint brush with water,

stir the brush into a small dab of glue to water it down and then brush it on...works like a charm. Some of the smaller chrome and clear bits were a little fiddly because the parts required cleanup and silver paint touch-up before assembly.



**Final Opinion:** This model builds into a very nice replica of the 67 Coupe; overall I am very pleased with the overall look and 'feel' of the completed kit. Revell is doing the right thing in my opinion by adding new/modern/retro features to their existing model line up and including more extensive decal sheets. To me this helps soothe the pain somewhat of their increased MSRP kit prices. If you are into Stingrays and Grand Sports, this little number is for you.

Recommended: 5 lug nuts.



## Building a 49 Merc Salt Flats Racer

**Kit:** 1949 Mercury Custom

**Mfg:** Revell **Scale:** 1/25 **Kit #:** 85-2860



Our fellow local model car club, IPMS C.A.R.S. in Miniature, holds a contest each year to pick the subject the annual club T-Shirt subject. This year the theme was a project kit, the Revell chopped top 49 Mercury custom.

Of course everyone wants to do something unique with their kit. I figured that most people would do a variation of the custom theme, so I wanted to do some race car version. The kit comes with the top chopped already, so a NASCAR or road racer wasn't really appropriate, so I figured I would do a Salt Flats type land speed racer, since the chop top would help out with the aerodynamics down the Bonneville Salt Flats.

The main changes would be to the wheels and tires, the body and the interior. This kit is a well designed kit, it is a fully detailed model that goes together really well. Since I don't follow this type of racing I wasn't exactly sure how the cars are put together, but I do know there are lots of classes so I went for a modified stock type of racer.

For the body I just left off the bumpers, mirrors and lights and smoothed in the openings. I cut sheet plastic for the headlight covers, and I covered the taillights with Bare Metal Foil. I added a parachute with some chords in back to slow it down. The paint was Tamiya Camel Yellow Lacquer from the rattle can over Rustoleum Grey primer. Decals were various items from the spares pile, this is a phantom scheme not based on a real vehicle.



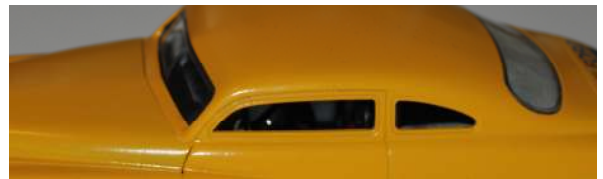
The chassis was left mostly stock. I did cannibalize a 1990's era AMT NASCAR kit for the exhausts. The wheels are aftermarket Parts by Parks spun aluminum discs, mounted on the kit no name tires for the rears, and some smaller Mickey Thompson fronts. I modified the kit brakes and wheel backs to mount them.



For the engine I added the air cleaner and valve covers from the NASCAR kit. I had to cut away the molded in battery from the inner wheel well to get it to fit. And I replaced some of the fancy chrome custom parts with simpler pieces. I used an aftermarket prewired distributor and some braided line for the radiator hose.



The interior needed the most work. The seat, steering wheel, shifter, fire extinguisher and foot pedals all came from the NASCAR kit. The roll bar was a spares box piece with added bracing. I made tape seat belts with photoetched buckles. The interior featured some nice custom padding which I sanded smooth on the side panels and rear seat. The floor is covered with cigarette pack foil to replicate heat shield material. Overall I was pretty satisfied with the results. However with the chopped top, once the body is in place it is barely visible through the narrow windows.



Narrow windows hide the interior details.



Overall I was happy with the results. The kit is nice, everything fits great. The paint could have been a bit smoother, but I was under a deadline. But this way it looks like a low budget private race team, common in this type of racing. Since I am no expert on Salts Flats racing I am sure some technical aspects are incorrect, but it looks ok to me.



The Merc on the contest table at the Rockford Classic Plastic event.





# GTR Event Calendar

February 22 53<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 [unievents@aol.com](mailto:unievents@aol.com)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 8 Cedarville Model Car Swap and Contest  
Cedarville, IL  
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053

March 13-14 IPMS Region 5 Convention and  
Mad City Modeler 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Show  
IPMS/Mad City Modelers  
Madison Area West Middleton, WI  
Jim Turek 608-329-7222  
[jturek@tds.net](mailto:jturek@tds.net)

March 21 12 Hours of Sebring  
ALMS Sebring, FL

March 28 Oshkosh Hobbytown USA Spring  
Model Contest: featuring Revell 32 Ford kit  
Hobbytown USA, Oshkosh, WI  
[www.hobbytownoshkosh.com](http://www.hobbytownoshkosh.com)

March 29 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy  
Show with 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Collectors Club  
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 [unievents@aol.com](mailto:unievents@aol.com)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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](mailto:mdowd@wi.rr.com) [scottiekl@charter.net](mailto:scottiekl@charter.net)

April 19 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Scale Model Show  
Waukesha County Expo Center  
[www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com)

April 18 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual NNL East  
Wayne P.A.L Building, Wayne NJ  
Tom Geiger nnleast@aol.com  
[www.nnleast.com](http://www.nnleast.com)

April 25 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest  
IPMS/West Des Moines  
Point of Grace Church, Waukeke IA

April 25 Ferrari Expo  
Continental Autosports, Hinsdale IL  
Tom Tanner [alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com](mailto:alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com)

April 30-May3 GSL-XXII Great Salt Lake  
International Scale Vehicle Championship  
Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre  
[www.gslchampionship.org](http://www.gslchampionship.org)

June 7 GMMOO NNL  
Bloomington, MN

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

August 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL  
Theme: Brickyard  
Algonquion Township Offices Crystal Lake, IL  
Steve Jahnke [stevejahnke@comcast.net](mailto:stevejahnke@comcast.net)  
Chuck Herrmann [gtrchab@yahoo.com](mailto:gtrchab@yahoo.com)

August 19-22 IPMS/USA National Convention  
IPMS/Eddie Rickenbacker  
Greater Columbus Convention Center  
Columbus, OH [www.ipmsusa2009.org](http://www.ipmsusa2009.org)

Sept 27 54<sup>rd</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

October 22-25 iHobby Expo  
Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL  
[www.ihobbyexpo.com](http://www.ihobbyexpo.com)

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**National and Regional  
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**2009 Region 5 Convention:**

**March 13-14 Madison, WI**

**2009 – Aug 19-22 Columbus, OH**

**2010 - Phoenix, AZ**

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