



GTR Newsletter

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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
2010 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

September GTR Meeting will be at The Fountains of Crystal Lake

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry

Tamiya Large Scale McLaren

Tamiya has reissued their 1/18 McLaren M8A Can Am racer. It was advertised on the internet for only \$49.83, reasonable compared to what recent 1/24 kits have cost.



Round 2 NASCAR COT Kits

The four different versions of the NASCAR Car of Tomorrow 1/25 kits should be available right about now. The Chevy Impala snap kits, for the 2010 cars of Mark Martin, Jimmy Johnson, Jeff Gordon and Dale Jr, feature the rear wing and not the most recent single blade spoiler – an example of how hard it is to do the most current versions of ever changing race cars. While these are pre-painted snap kits I'm sure the aftermarket will provide decals and detail parts. I wonder if the tire markings will be included?

Revell Germany Releases

The new 2009 DTM 1/24 kits of the Audi A4 are now available, in two versions. Reports are that these full detail kits are very nice. The Mercedes DTM cars of Ralf Schumacher and Gary Paffett are scheduled for October release.

07177 Audi A4 2009 "Tom Kristensen"



07176 Audi A4 2009 "Timo Scheider"



07401 Unimog U1300L "THW"



The latest version of the Unimog is also set for October release.

Real World

The preliminary 2011 IZOD Indy Car Series schedule is out, and the late summer race at Chicagoland Motor Speedway has been dropped, as recent rumors suggested. Good news for local fans is that the race at the Milwaukee Mile has been added back on, with a date of June 19.

Events

GTR at the DuPage Swap Meet

GTR will have a club table at the DuPage Swap Meet, at the County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on September 25. Club members can bring in their stuff to sell.

The big daddy of all swap meets, Toledo, along with the accompanying NNL will take place October 9.

See the events calendar for details of these shows and for all of the events that I know of. I will be adding 2011 events as they are firmed up. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.



GTR News

GTR Update

For the September meeting we will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake for the first time in while on the regular schedule and location.

Last meeting we discussed doing a club project kit or subject for next year using some of the proceeds from the NNL. There are no firm ideas yet, members should contact me with any suggestions to be discussed at an upcoming meeting.

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

August GTR Meeting

GTR's last meeting was August 21 at Steve Jahnke's house in Cary, IL. While the turnout for the first regular meeting in while was pretty good there were not that many finished kits on the table. We did a recap of our recent NNL event, the Treasury report and the mailbox. We decided to sponsor a club table at the September DuPage Swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton on September 26. Club members can bring in their kits and stuff to sell like we do at the Rockford and Ferrari Expo events. Details for the show are on the event page, let Steve know if you are going to bring in some stuff.

Here are photos of some of the kits and models from Show & Tell at the meeting.



Built kits on the table – the kitchen table, accounting for the fancy tablecloth.

Tim Leicht: two kits, a Monogram 7 Eleven IMSA Mustang GTP race car.....



and the latest release of the Fisher resin kit of the Sunoco Penske Ferrari 512M



Doug Fisher: a Yat Ming 1/18 Corvette Grand Sport die cast, a Tamiya Opel DTM race car....



and a Monogram Sprint car.



Chuck Herrmann: built kits of the Tamiya 66 Alfa Trans Am racer, the Revell 69 Camaro converted into the Sunoco Trans Am champion, the Tamiya Mercedes Benz SLR 722 McLaren and a Round 2/MPC 80 Monte Carlo converted into the Tijuana Taxi 2000. Also a built Hasagawa Lancia Delta kit recently purchased at the Summer NNL, which will be taken apart and rebuilt.



Dave Edgecomb: Kits, including the new Tamiya Lotus 79 and the Fujimi Ferrari 458 Italia.



Steve Jahnke: no kits on the table, but after Show & Tell we trekked down into Steve's model room and stash for a tour of his extensive holdings and workshop.

Thanks go out to Steve for hosting the meeting and to Bunny for the great brownies!

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.

2010 Road America ALMS

by Chuck Herrmann



The IMSA American LeMans Series made its annual trip to Road America in Elkhart Lake on Sunday, August 22. It is a great opportunity to see world class sports cars and drivers, up close to the track and in the paddock. These are the same cars that race at the 24 Hours of LeMans and at the Sebring 12 Hours endurance classics. There is an hour long autograph session in the pits, and the fans can get up next to the cars on the starting line just before the start. There are some corners of the four mile track where you can really get close and see the drivers at work. And you can get some nice photographs, lots of good reference material for modeling these great cars.



The Extreme Speed Ferrari F430 teammates battle it out.



Ferrari GT (and former F1 driver) Mika Salo greets the fans in the paddock before the race.



The Jaguar RSR looked great in the paddock...



but did not last long in the race.



The Risi Ferrari F430 GT of Mika Salo leads the eventual GT class winning BMW E92 M3 from the Rahl team up the hill after Turn 5 early in the action.



The Corvettes challenged but ended up 3rd and 4th in class.



The Lola B06/10-AER of Johnny Mowlem lead the first hour until delayed in the pits, a surprising effort by the small independent Autocom team.

There are four classes running for overall and individual class honors, from the LMP prototypes to the GT2 cars. The race is 2 hours and 45 minutes long, so you can move around the track to get different viewpoints. This year the race for overall victory went down to the last lap, as Johnny Cocker in the Drayson Lola Judd passed three cars in the last 15 minutes and moved past the Porsche RS Spyder which coughed as it ran low on fuel two corners from the finish line.



The Porsche RS Spyder came very close but sputtered near the end.



Two Porsche 911s side by side.



The Flying Lizards Porsche in the pits pre race. It wound up second place in GT2.



Next year's race will be August 21 – possibly back to a longer endurance format.

Tips and Tools

Each month this column will feature a short article on a new or unique technique or tool. All readers are encouraged to submit a few paragraphs, maybe a picture or two, of something you would like to share with fellow modelers. Feel free to pass along anything you feel would be of interest to fellow modelers – we welcome submissions from all readers, not just GTR members!

OOOPPPP's...

Dang-it!!!!!!!

By Steve Jahnke



Has this ever happened to you, Bubba? You are working on a new plastic model, parts have been detached from the sprues, cleaned up and sanded awaiting the moment to glue the pieces together and you accidently knock over that new or almost empty bottle of expensive liquid glue? I have a number of times. My TV remote has been glued to paper towels and my workbench a couple of times and looks like it went through a car crash; and to top this off this happens on a Saturday night after my favorite hobby shop is closed and can't get there for a day or two.... And no, I am not going to pull out that red and white tube of syrup glue.

The trouble with this scenario is that our favorite (and expensive) liquid glues come in those little small and narrow bottles that are very easy to tip over if you don't watch what you are doing when dipping that glue brush into the bottle. But wait.....there is an answer and mine came from McDonald's.

So here's the tip, I like Micky-Dee's shakes, their small shakes come in a plastic cup with a detachable dome cover that has a large opening

in it for your straw. This is a common container and you may find a number of products sold in them like Latte's, Slurpee's etc. Anyway, after enjoying your drink, dispose of the cup but keep the detachable cover giving it a quick wash to remove all evidence of the shake/slurpee/latte you sneaked before dinner. Test fit the cover over your glue bottle (cap on of course) and with scissors snip the lid hole only enough to permit the cover to go over the glue bottle snugly. I found that Tenax required smaller snips than my Ambroid bottle. Messed it up? Get another shake, Dude!

There you have it kids, an almost fool-proof method of keeping your glue bottles ready, open and at attention.



IPMS News

The 2010 IPMS/USA was held last month in Phoenix, AZ. The dates for the 2011 IPMS/USA National Convention will be Aug 4-7 in Omaha, NE. For photos from this year's convention and convention updates for 2011 see their website, at www.ipmsusa.org.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! We will be going through the annual renewal process next month, and we have had issues getting the required amount of IPMS members. So please consider helping out GTR as well as the IPMS and join or renew now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org, or see me for membership forms.

GTR Event Calendar



2010

Sep 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Sep25 Nordic-Con 2010
Hosted by IPMS Twin Cities Aero Historians
Robert Maderich 612-423-2985

October 9 Toledo NNL and Swap
NNL Theme: Bikes, Trikes and Motorcycles
Sylvania Exhibition Center Sylvania, OH
716-434-0733
www.OldToyLandShows.com

October 16 IPMS/Glue Crew Contest
Howard Johnson Conf Center, Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

October 23 16th Annual Circle City Model Contest
and Swap Meet by Circle City Modelers
Theme: Going Topless (Convertibles)
First Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis IN
Tom Nungester tn68droptop@yahoo.com

October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.com

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 21 Open House Brian's Pro Shop & Hobby
1211 S 4th St Dekalb, IL
815-758-4801
www.briansproshopandhobby.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
With model car contest
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

2011

Feb 27 57th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
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Apr 9 Milwaukee NNL

Apr 10 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring Show
Waukesha Cty Expo Center Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2011 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Omaha, NE
No 2011 Region 5 Convention

Chapter charter renewals in
October – Join or renew your
IPMS membership now!



GTR Auto Modelers Newsletter



A spare engine cover for the ALMS race winning Lola-Judd in the pits at Road America

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Next GTR Meeting: September 18, 2010

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