

GTR



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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
2011 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

**December Meeting at Algonquin Township Building,
Rt. 14 about one mile east of Rt. 31**

Location alternates between member's homes and the Algonquin Township Building

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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

From the Editors desk:

Cover Photo

This month's cover photos were from our November meeting. First, we have Steve Jahnke's Revell 2010 Mustang GT, the latest current Mustang by Revell, which was built pretty much box stock with a nice Tamiya Bright Red paint finish. And Gerry Paquette's 1992 BMW M5 used the Fujimi BMW M5 curbside kit as a base. It was built up to full detail by combining the engine and some engine bay details from the Fujimi M635 and front end and engine bay details from the Revell of Germany BMW 750il Premium kit. The two donor kits were late 1980's releases. Then it was converted to US specs by adding side marker lights and HCMSL along with interior details. Paint was Testor's Guards red for the exterior and Light Ivory for the interior

REAL WORLD

Content from Detroit News and AutoWeek.com

Pebble Beach

Recent news from the 1% from the annual Pebble Beach Concours:



Far exceeding pre-sale expectations, this 1958 Ferrari 250 Testa Rosa set a record with its final price of \$16,390,000.



This 1931 Duesenberg long-wheelbase Model J, designed by Frank Murphy with body by Murphy and originally owned by Captain George Whittell Jr., changed hands for \$10,430,000 at Pebble Beach.

Large Scale Kits 1:1

Ford Mustang fans now have another option to preserve or create a first-generation car--a reproduction body shell of the 1965 Mustang convertible. Ford has licensed Dynacorn Inc. of California to produce new body shells of the '65 Mustang. Depending on the choice of powertrain and trim, the body shell can be completed to specifications for a 1964 1/2, '65 or '66 Mustang.

"The 1964-66 Mustang is the most restored vintage vehicle," said Dennis Mondrach, Ford Restoration Parts licensing manager. "But the number of original 1964-66 bodies is shrinking every year. Most of the original Mustangs left in scrap yards are rusted or wrecked beyond repair."



The shell is built with modern welding techniques and comes rustproofed and ready for paint. Ford says suppliers of restoration parts must meet or exceed fit, finish and quality of original. That's why the Mustang body shell is constructed of higher-grade steel than the original, according to Ford. The company allows suppliers to work off old technical drawings, blueprints and specifications for parts.

Once the shell is bought, the powertrain, suspension and brakes, the electrical systems, the interior and the trim can be transferred from an existing car or bought new from the Ford-approved parts bin. Almost every piece needed to build a complete Mustang is now available from suppliers.

The '65 Mustang body shell is in production now and can be delivered by truck to any address, including to a home. It comes with the doors, trunk lid and all the sheetmetal from the radiator support to the taillight panel. The only pieces it doesn't include are the hood and front fenders, which are available separately. The Mustang body shell starts at \$15,000. Ford displayed the 1965 body shell at SEMA in Las Vegas. The company also has licensed complete body shells for the 1967-68 and 1969-70 fastback models.

EVENTS

This month the winter Waukesha, WI swap meet is December 11.

The Rockford Classic Plastic event has been confirmed for January 29, 2012.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. I will be adding the 2012 events I am aware of soon. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

2012 GTR Summer NNL

We are happy to announce the fifth annual GTR Summer NNL will be held next year. The date will be August 5, 2012. The format and location will be the same as prior shows. The theme will be Dirt: Off Road Vehicles, anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Such as dune buggies, rally racers, dirt track sprints, midgets and stockers, construction equipment and more. We will again have a sub theme, this time it will be commemorating 50 years of the Daytona 24 Hours race, any subject that was or is eligible to compete in the event is eligible.

Dirt Theme Kits

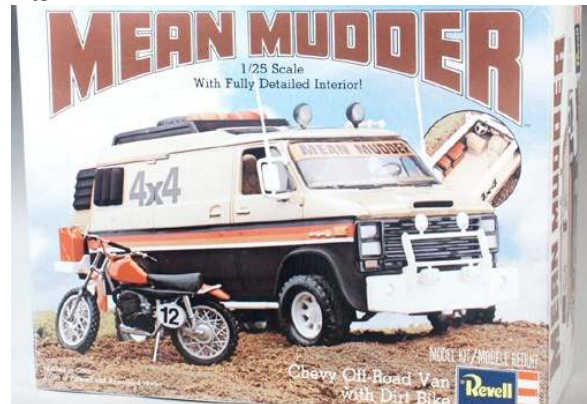
There are a lot of kits that will fit our 2012 GTR theme of DIRT. So even if you don't necessarily build off road kits, I will publish several pictures and suggestions over the coming months, for kits that are eligible for the theme for inspiration!



These kits (I assume reissues?) will be soon available from Lindberg.



Military Jeep variant from MPC and off road van below from Revell are some vintage off-road kits.





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GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, December 3, at the Algonquin Township Building. It will be our first regular December meeting in several years, possible now that we have moved the meetings to the first Saturday of the month. So we will celebrate another successful year with a Christmas party, GTR members will get the final details via e-mail as we finalize our plans. The January meeting will be Jan 7 at the Township building.

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.

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.. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

2012 GTR Club Project

If during the next year GTR members build a model that fits the Summer NNL themes (Dirt: Off Road and 24 Hours of Daytona: Sports Racing cars) and present it (or an emailed photo) at or before the GTR Summer NNL you will get your club dues of \$15 refunded.

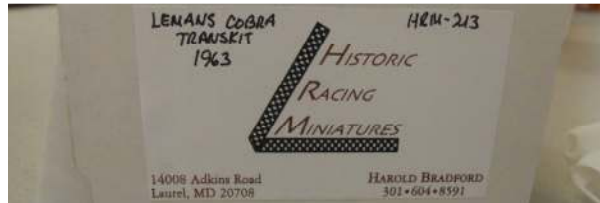
November GTR Meeting

The November GTR meeting was at the Algonquin Township Office on November 5. The business portion of the meeting covered the treasury update and mailbag. We also decided to do a Christmas party at our meeting on December 3, details to be worked out. Then it was on to Show & Tell. Some of the stuff on the tables is pictured below.

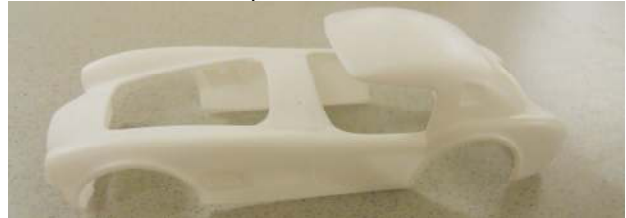
Gerry Paquette: 1992 BMW M5 (also see cover photo).



Also two Historic Racing Miniatures resin 1/24 Cobra kits, the Daytona Coupe....



and the 1963 Hardtop Cobra



Tim Liecht: Tim brought in the new 1/12 Mustang kit from Revell.





Also Tim brought in a resin trans kit to do a Trans Am/GT1 Merkur from the 80's and the recent Belkit WRC Peugeot kit in 1/24 injection molded plastic.



Dave Edgcomb: Accurate Miniatures Grand Sport kit, with soothe Model Car Garage aftermarket detail set, along with the new Tamiya Lexus LFA kit.



Steve Jahnke: Revell 2010 Mustang GT kit built up (also see cover photo)....



and a Franklin Mint Hudson Hornet die cast.



Larry Fulhorst:



A 1/43 Porsche 935 completed kit in Apple Computer colors.....



a prebuilt McLaren M20, and a Revell 1/32 slot car McLaren M6B in Lothar Motschenbacher markings.



Chuck Herrmann: 1/24 Porsche 365, a radio control toy converted to the Carrera Panamericana racer.



Also the Peugeot 405 Dakar racer kit to be built for this years GTR NNL theme...



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. We need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We 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.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2012 Region 5 2012 Region 5 May 19, KC MO.

2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL
www.ipms2012.org

2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO



Decals by Lucas and Sadewater



www.decalsbylucas.com

by Chuck Herrmann

At our Summer NNL show, local decal producers Decals by Lucas (Rick Lucas and Bruce Sadewater from the Rockford area) gave me some samples to test. Unfortunately, the ones I received have not fit on any project I am working on yet, but I wanted to pass along their information. Most of their subject matter is for vintage drag cars, but they also have some lace decal patterns for customs and there are several new sheets to use on recent race car kits.

The first of several decals they will be doing for the Hudson is a "2 on 1" Number RL-52635 to do both the Herb Thomas car as well as the Marshall Teague car, the way they appeared on the beach in Daytona in 1952.



The second set, RL-51953, is to do the Bub King Hudson.



They also have a sheet RL-39234 for the new Revell-Monogram Midget kit, to do two complete cars, it will do the Eddie Sachs driven car from Sacks Equipment #18 and the Bowes Seal Fast car number 44.



I plan to try some of their decals out soon and will report back. To check out all their products and to order see their website.

GTR Event Calendar

December 4 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 11 Milwaukee Miniature Motors
Winter Show – Swap and Contest
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

2012

Jan 15 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall
Milwaukee, WI 53219
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Jan 28-29 Rolex 24 Hours Grand Am
Daytona Intl Speedway, FL

January 29 Classic Plastic Swap
Rockford, IL

Feb 26 Daytona 500 NASCAR
Daytona Intl Speedway, FL

February 26 59th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton
(630) 969-1847
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com.

March 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall
Milwaukee, WI 53219
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 17 Sebring 12 Hours ALMS
Sebring, FL

March 25 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place Of Countryside
Countryside, Illinois 60525
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 14 Milwaukee NNL 20
Hosted by AMG
Family Centers of Excellence Waukesha, WI
Theme: Sports and Road Racing;
Subtheme: 24 Hours of LeMans
email: scottiekl@charter.net or Mike Dowd,
mdowd@wi.rr.com

April 15 30th Annual Spring Show
Milwaukee Miniature Motors
Waukesha County Expo Center
Waukesha, WI
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

May 19 IPMS Region 5 Convention
KC, MO

May 27 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 16-17 LeMans 24 Hours
LeMans, France

July 14 NIMCOM hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region
Scale Modelers

Aug 8-11 IPMS National Convention
Disney World, Orlando, FL
www.ipms2012.org

August 5 5th Annual GTR Summer NNL
Theme: DIRT (Off Road)
Subtheme: 24 Hours of Daytona
Algonquin Township Building Crystal Lake, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 18 Road America ALMS
Elkhart Lake, WI

November 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
American Serb Hall
Milwaukee, WI 53219
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place Of Countryside
Countryside, Illinois 60525
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



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Happy Holidays

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