



# GTR

## Newsletter

### June 2012

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  
2012 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## REAL WORLD



The recent F1 race in Bahrain was held against a backdrop of controversy. Cancelled last year due to the political unrest in the country, dissident claimed that it was being held to show the world the government was still in firm control. The race did go off amid tight security and small crowds. Protests were held but kept away from the track.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

This year the 51st edition of the Shizuoka Hobby Show is being held May 17-20 at Twin Messe Shizuoka in Shizuoka, Japan. Many of the Japanese manufacturers have made product announcements, below are some of them. See Hobby Link Japan's website for more:

[www.hlj.com](http://www.hlj.com)

**Aoshima** has announced their version of new kits of the Lamborghini Aventador and the Toyota 86.

**Tamiya** has announced that they will releasing new kits of the Toyota 86 and it's cousin the Subaru BRZ in 1/24 – good to hear as recent news has indicated that Tamiya may not be doing new tooling for automotive subjects. They feature a detailed engine, interior, and suspension, with working hood



Kit 24323 Toyota 86

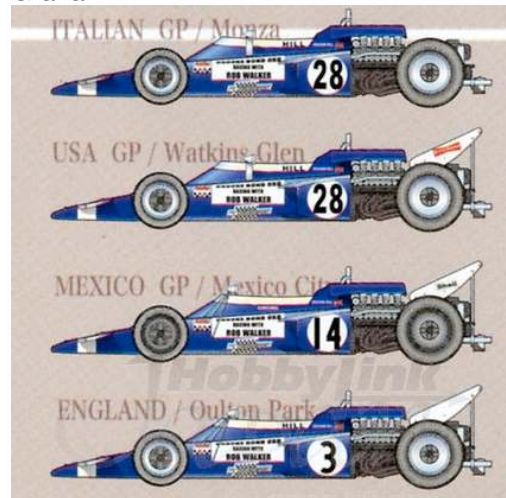


Kit 24324 Subaru BRZ

**Fujimi** has announced a 1/24 McLaren MP4-12C GT3, a race version of the latest McLaren supercar. Kit #12555



**Ebbro** has announced the next two versions of their new 1/20 Lotus 72. Kit #20002 is the Type72C blue Rob Walker Team car driven by Graham Hill..



Kit # 20003 is the 1973 Lotus Type 72E in the Black and Gold John Player factory colors.



## More Similar Kit News

Last month I mentioned the new 1/24 injection molded kit of the 2011 LeMans Pescarolo from Similar. I did not have pictures then but here they are, the kit is just becoming available in the US.



He has had a number of hot rod 32s, which must be a little unusual to see driving around the English countryside. He also has influenced his friend Eric Clapton who also has had several classic 32 Fords built.



I remember seeing a photo of an old English Tudor style garage on his estate filled up with several street rods. One of his best known songs is the jazz-rock fusion song *Freeway Jam*. He also has used hot rods in his cover art. That is what inspired this article.

I was listening to his 2003 release *JEFF* when I noticed the picture below of him in front of a 32 Ford on the liner notes. Neat photos like these make me long for the days when album art was 11x11, not the small CD size.

## MEDIA

### Jeff Beck – Guitars and Hot Rods



Jeff Beck has long been one of the great guitar gods of rock n roll, from this days in the Yardbirds in the 1960's, playing with Rod Stewart, forming a number of bands he led and many solo albums. But the Englishman picked up an interest in American hot rods, especially 32 Fords, which he has indulged over the years.



The *JEFF* album includes the songs *Hot Rod*, *Honeymoon* and *Grease Monkey*.

## EVENTS

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. 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 again this 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.

#### GTR NNL Sponsorships

We are now accepting trophy package sponsorships (\$35 per trophy) as well as donations for our raffle, Contact either Steve Jahnke or Chuck Herrmann, see address and telephone info on the cover page. All donations will be acknowledged on the trophies and in all our event coverage and signage.



## GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, June 2, at the Algonquin Township Building. Until we firm up any alternate plans or events, the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The July meeting will be July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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.

We plan on doing a club calendar for 2013, details for getting pictures of members models will be worked out.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are 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. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

### 2012 GTR Club Project

If during this 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 via an emailed photo) at a club meeting or event before the GTR Summer NNL you will get your club dues of \$15 refunded.

### May GTR Meeting

The regular May 2012 GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on May 5. For the business portion of the meeting we discussed the upcoming GTR Summer NNL. Then we went over the treasury and the mailbag, and it was on to Show & Tell.

**Ed Sexton:** test shot of the upcoming Revell Germany Ferrari 599 GTO kit.



**George Pritzen:** a Big Daddy Roth kit of the Scuz Fink.



**Gerry Paquette:** Revell 1948 Ford Custom kit built up.



Gerry also had several sets of recent decals from VRM, for the Revell Midget, a Cheetah and the Cobra Daytona Coupe.

**Larry Fulhorst:** three built up 1/43 Porsches from his collection: A Starter 1969, MA Models 1970 "Pink Pig" and a Solido 1981 LeMans car.



A nice group of the first to last version of the 917.



**Chuck Herrmann:** Airfix 2001 Citroen Xsara kit (see review article) on a Revell off road base – note skeleton!



Revell Germany prepainted 1/32 Citroen WRC...



and a diecast Vitesse 1/43 VW Beetle from the 1954 Carrera Panamericana.



## GTR Classifieds

**For Sale:** Complete set of *Car Modeler*, May 1990 through September 1998, in four original *Car Modeler* binders.

Complete set of *Scale Auto Enthusiast* (*Scale Auto* starting January 2002), May 1979 through December 2011, in original *Scale Auto Enthusiast* and *Scale Auto* binders:

Contact: Ronald Spannraft, (847) 548-2635, [rmps13@yahoo.com](mailto:rmps13@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** Photos of the Lotus 56 STP Turbine Car as raced in USAC road races in 1968, especially Riverside. Cars #40 (Pollard) and #60 (Leonard/Andretti). Need cars in road race trim, I have plenty of photos from Indy.

Also, I need the injector stacks for the MPC 1/20 scale McLaren M8D kit – either from the kit or aftermarket.

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## IPMS News

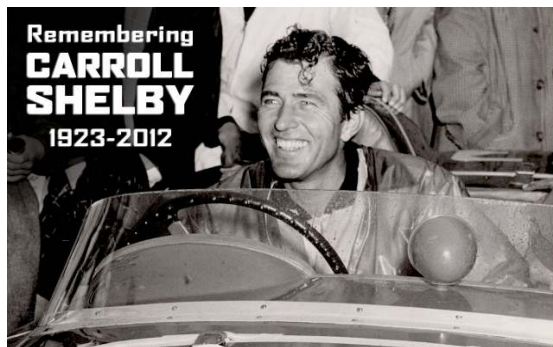
GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org), or see me for membership forms.

The IPMS Region 5 Convention was last month, a bit late for this deadline but if I can find some news and photos I will put them in next month's newsletter.

# IPMS USA

**International Plastic Modelers Society**

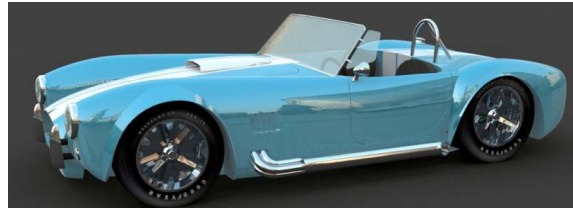
2012 Region 5 2012 Region 5 May 19,  
Holiday Inn Overland Park KS.  
See [www.ipmswcmo.org](http://www.ipmswcmo.org)  
2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL  
[www.ipms2012.org](http://www.ipms2012.org)  
2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO



The automotive world lost one of its icons when Carroll Shelby passed away recently. Shelby is most famous for his Cobras, but he was also a world class road racer. He won a lot of SCCA races in European sports cars in the mid 50's before moving to the international level. He raced in Formula 1 in a Maserati in 1958 and an Aston Martin in 1959, And he was the co winner of the 1959 LeMans 24 Hours in 1959 driving an Aston Martin.



Shelby suffered many health issues throughout his life, especially a bad heart which lead to his retirement from driving after 1959. But he continued as a car builder and team manager. He developed the legendary Shelby Cobra by putting a big Ford V8 into the chassis of the struggling English AC company, building the Cobra. It eventually increased the engines to 289 and later the monster 427 Cobras..



Then he took it racing, wining in the US beating Corvettes in the SCCA, and then internationally, eventfully beating Ferrari for the International Sports car Championship with the Cobra Daytona Coupe in 1965, the first American designed sports car champions.



When Ford went after the overall LeMans victory big time in 1966, Shelby managed one of the teams, which eventually won the Daytona 24 Hours and later Lemans in 1966 and 1967 with the Ford GT Mk II and Mark IV. He is the only person to have won LeMans as a driver, a manufacturer and a team owner.

After that, Shelby worked with Ford to develop the Mustang Cobra. He ran their Trans Am racing team in the late 60's during the glory years of Trans Am racing. He also kept active in the development of several generations of Shelby Mustangs.

Besides Ford, Shelby also worked with Chrysler, designing the Shelby version of the Omni in the mid 80's and helped with the design of the Dodge Viper. Afterwards his Shelby America company worked with GM on the Oldsmobile Series I project.



In later years he was back with Ford, developing the current generation Shelby Mustangs.



In 1990 Shelby underwent a heart transplant, and was one of the longest living transplant recipients. He also was married six times.



As modelers we have many kits and diecasts of Shelby's creations to remember his legacy. The Revell issue with resin figures of Shelby and Ken Miles was one of the neatest.



## Airfix Citroen WRC Kit Build UP

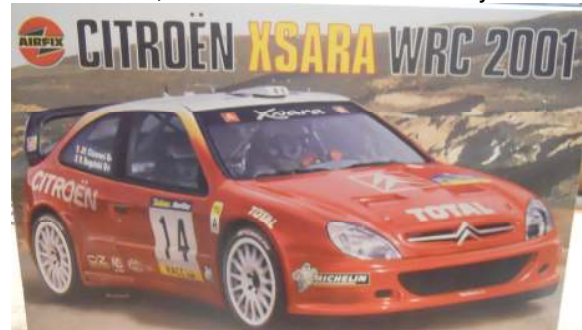
**Description:** Citroen Xsara WRC 2001

**Manufacturer:** Airfix

**Kit#:** 07403 **Scale:** 1/24

By Chuck Herrmann

While looking for something to build for the upcoming GTR Summer NNL for the Dirt/Off Road theme, I came across this kit in my stash.



In the early 2000's, Airfix form England and the French model maker Heller were joined along with paint maker Humbrol under the same corporate owner. So there were lots of kits that were issued by both companies. That explains why a British company like Airfix would sell a French Citroen kit. By 2006 the corporate owners went bankrupt and the kits stopped coming. But all three brands are now active again. Heller is starting to make some new product such as a 2011 Citroen Rally car in 1/24, a current version of this subject, although they are not often seen in the US.

The Xsara rally racer competed on the World Rally Championship circuit. The subject of this kit is the car as raced by the factory Citroen team during the 2001 WRC season.



The design of the kit is somewhat simple, compared to the series of Tamiya rally cars from the same general period. It is a curbside design, with a flat bottom chassis. The exhaust is a separate piece. The inner wheel wells are separate featuring molded on shock absorbers, The wheels mount onto a molded on stub that

includes the inner hub. Try as I might, I could not get the wheels to mount narrow enough to sit under the fenders. Usually when something fits as poorly as these wheels I think it was my fault, but there was not much I could adjust, they extended way out from the body. I ended off cutting the inner hub detail off the chassis, and super gluing the completed wheel and tire onto that, holding it level until the super glue dried. The final result was acceptable but this is the kits major flaw.



The wheels and tires are nice. There are five rubber tires including a spare that fits into the interior. I drilled out the lug holes on the spare. The Michelin tire lettering is a decal, as are the OZ wheels marlins. Disc brakes press into the wheel from behind.



They look good on the finished model.



The interior builds up off the floor. There is limited detail, including some molded on electrical cables and the fire extinguisher on the floor. The pedals are molded onto the floor and look clunky.



The roll bar is a flimsy three piece assembly that does not fit together all that well, and the mounting points to the floor are not well defined.



The seats are nice racing buckets, the belts are molded in and there decals as well, including carbon fiber seat backs. Dashboard gauges are also decals.



The real car raced in the red and white color scheme of the factory car. The red body fades into a white roof, the decal sheet has a transition decal but I did not trust the Heller decals having used them previously. And I did not really want to do this particular car, driven by Philippe Bugalski (this is just prior to the now star Sebastian Loeb joining the team). So I chose to do a phantom paint scheme, using some leftover Testors lacquer spray 28127, AMC Big Bad Blue. I did decide to try the decals and was pleasantly surprised by how well they worked for the numbers. I am looking for some sponsor decals to finish it off.

While not a great kit, and nowhere near as good as the Tamiya kits of rally racers from this era, the end result after correcting the wheel stance was okay. Some pieces, like the roof antennas look thick and toy like, but it was a rather quick build that is a presentable shelf model if not a contest winner.



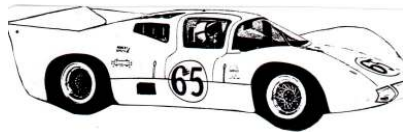
# 2012 GTR Summer NNL 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: **DIRT-Off Road**



Sub-Theme: 50 Years  
of the Daytona 24 Hours  
Sports Car Racing



**Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.**

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn. Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

## **Classes:**

<b>Competition Open Wheel</b>	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
<b>Competition Closed Wheel</b>	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
<b>Street</b>	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
<b>Custom</b>	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
<b>Commercial</b>	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
<b>Motorcycles</b>	All scales	All types
<b>Curbside</b>	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
<b>Out of the Box</b>	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
<b>Theme: Dirt Off Road</b>	All scales, all types	Anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Dune Buggies, Rally racers, dirt racers, etc.
<b>50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours</b>	All scales, all types	Any sports racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Daytona 24 Hours
<b>People's Choice</b>	Any model in the contest.	

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# GTR Event Calendar

May 27 Indy 500  
Indianapolis Motror Speedway

June 9-10 Heartland Model Car Nationals  
By IPMS.KC Slammers  
Overland Park Conv Center, Overland Pk KS  
Bill Barker 816-250-0906

June 16 Milwaukee Indy Car

June 16-17 LeMans 24 Hours

July 8 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Attack of the Plastic  
Lake Lawn Lodge Resort Delavan, WI  
Rick Allan 262-728-5003

Aug Brickyard 400  
Indianapolis Motror Speedway

Aug 8-11 IPMS National Convention  
Disney World, Orlando, FL  
[www.ipms2012.org](http://www.ipms2012.org)

August 5 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL  
Theme: DIRT (Off Road)  
Subtheme: 24 Hours of Daytona  
Algonquin Township Building Crystal Lake, IL  
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August 18 Road America ALMS  
Elkhart Lake, WI

Sep29 Nordic Con Contest and Swap  
IPMS/Twin Cities Aero Historians  
Productivity Inc Plymouth, MN  
John Ross [plasticmodeler@yahoo.com](mailto:plasticmodeler@yahoo.com)

Sep 30 60th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
(630) 969-1847  
Email: [pthpowerinc@aol.com](mailto:pthpowerinc@aol.com).

Oct 6 NNL 33  
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH  
Email to [osplenn@aol.com](mailto:osplenn@aol.com)

Oct 7 Toledo Collectors Toy Fair  
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH  
[www.oldtoylandshows.com](http://www.oldtoylandshows.com)

Oct 20 IPMS Glue Crew Contest & Swap  
Howard Johnson's, Wausau WI  
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place of Countryside  
Countryside, Illinois 60525  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 18 (hopefully...) US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas  
Austin TX



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