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GTR Auto Modelers

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2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD

Volkswagen is ready to commit to building a Global Rallycross car for next season. VW said with the format of the Global Rallycross series and the proposed European tour of the X Games (June 30-July 1), it made sense to build a 600-hp version of the Volkswagen Polo. Global Rallycross features door-to-door racing, as opposed to a series of timed stages.



A VW statement reads: "Next year might be pushing it to get a car up and running for the X Games and American [GRC] series, but why not? The market is growing very fast, and we are always interested in good motorsport markets."

Car manufacturers in Global Rallycross for the 2012 season include Ford, Hyundai, Saab, Dodge and Subaru.

Dodge Leaving NASCAR

from autoweek.com

Dodge has announced its withdrawal from NASCAR competition following the 2012 season. Dodge does not have an agreement with any team to run in NASCAR beyond the 2012 season. Penske Racing, the only full-time team currently running the Dodge Charger in NASCAR Sprint Cup competition, announced in March that it would be leaving for Ford.

This would not be the first time that Dodge has left NASCAR. The manufacturer returned to NASCAR in 2001 after leaving the sport in 1977.

An exit from NASCAR would apparently leave Dodge's main racing interests going forward in the Global Rallycross with the Dodge Dart, and in sports cars through the American Le Mans Series with the Viper GTS-R, which made its racing debut at Mid-Ohio the weekend of Aug. 4.

INDUSTRY NEWS

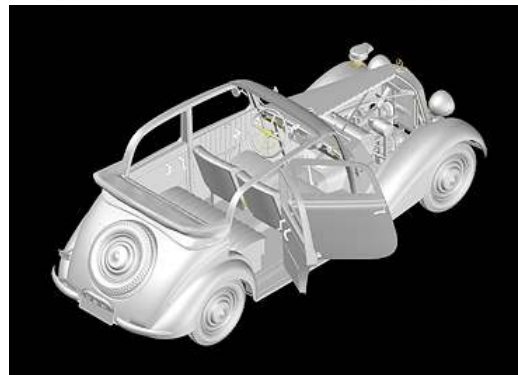
Model kits back in Wal Mart

Some of the online forums are reporting that model kits are again appearing on Wal Mart store shelves. AMT is there, our Revell source says Revell will also be back. Apparently it will be decided on a store by store basis, so you will need to watch your local store if you are interested.

New Mini Art Mercedes 170 kits


Just released by Mini Art in 1/35 scale are several versions of the WWII Mercedes Benz Type 170 including the Cabriolet shown here as well as a four-door MB Type 170V Personenwagen. The kits feature photo-etched metal parts and five figures. These are full detail kits that will be eligible for the new Military Vehicle class at next year's GTR Summer NNL.

MB TYPE 170V. Cabrio Saloon



EVENTS

This month the 4th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories event takes place on September 15.
GTR will be there!
Their flyer is printed below:



**4th Annual
MEADOWDALE,
MOTORSPORTS &
MEMORIES**

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2012
RAIN OR SHINE
SHOW CAR REGISTRATION 8:30 – 10 AM
(**\$15 PER SHOW CAR REGISTRATION FEE**)
(**\$10.00 Pre-registration – earlier entrance - information available online**)

CAR SHOW 10 AM – 3 PM
Trophies will be awarded at 2:30 pm

This year's event will honor Carrol Shelby and the 50th anniversary of the Cobra. The feature will be the 1968 SCCA Trans-Am that was held at Meadowdale!

See the cars; meet the drivers, crew, and workers. Share the stories, history & memorabilia of Meadowdale Raceway!!!

Show Cars: Rte. 31 Silo Entrance to Raceway Woods (approx. 1.5 mile north of Rte. 72)

New this year...Ride the tram from the parking lot for a scenic tour of the raceway!

Spectators Park: Rte. 31 Original Raceway Entrance (across the street from 140 N. Rte. 31, Carpentersville)

Contact us for more information on how to be a sponsor, vendor, volunteer or showcase your car club

MEADOWDALE INTERNATIONAL RACEWAYS
PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION
A non-profit 501(c)(3) charity
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www.mirpa.org for up-to-date info

Also the fall DuPage swap meet takes place on September 23.

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.



GTR Update

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, September 1, at the Algonquin Township Building.

Until we firm up any alternate plans or events, the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The October meeting will be October 6.

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.

GTR will again be participating in the Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories event on Sep 15 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville. We will have a tent set up with tables to display built models. If you can join us we can use models of sports cars and road racers and anything that might have run at Meadowdale. See the details in the Events section.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are 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.

August GTR Meeting

The regular August 2012 GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on August 4. Since this was the night before the GTR Summer NNL we kept the meeting a bit brief and then set up for the next day's event, which helped a lot the morning of the show. For the brief business portion of the meeting we did the treasury report and the mailbag, and then we discussed the NNL.

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Among the items brought in were:

Joel Peters: stickers for the NNL – thanks Joel!

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

Dave Edgecomb: MPC 1/20 McLaren kits, including the Mk8B high wing version.



John Walczak: Scale Designs built up 1/24 1953 Corvette Corvair concept vehicle.



Steve Jahnke: the new Tamiya kit of the Subaru BRZ for an IPMS/USA web site review, and.....



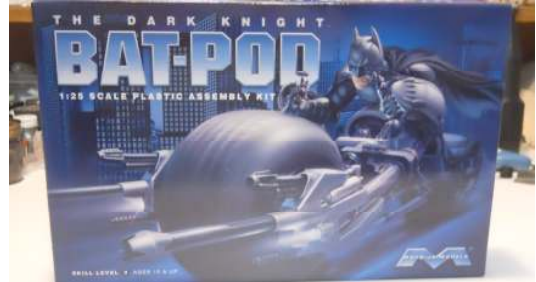
the new Revell Ferrari Enzo snap tite kit.



Chuck Herrmann: almost done Revell Baja Bug and...



the new 1/24 Bat-Pod kit from Mobius.



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 Spanraft, (847) 548-2635, rmps13@yahoo.com

Needed: Taillights for 1/24 Modelers Chaparral 2D kit.

Needed: decals for 1/20 MPC McLaren MK8 D kit
Contact Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

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. In October we will need to renew our charter so I will be contacting GTR members to update our records. 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.

2012 IPMS USA Nationals



This year's IPMS/USA National Convention and Contest took place August 8 thru 11 in Orlando Florida. GTR was proud to sponsor a trophy package this year, category 524: Competition Closed Wheel 1/31 to 1/20 scale.

There is a lot of Convention Coverage at the IPMS/USA web page see www.ipmsusa.org.

Here are show photos from the show:



2013 IPMS Region 5 Convention

The 2013 Region 5 IPMS/USA Regional Contest and Convention will be held March 9 in Madison, WI. The last show in Madison, in 2009, saw a strong showing of Automotive models in the contests, over 300 as I recall, so it should be a good show to attend. We will post the final details as we have them.

2012 Road America ALMS Race

The American LeMans Series made it's annual trip to Elkhart Lake, WI for a four hour race on Saturday, August 18. Regular fans of sports car racing wish there were a few more prototype entries in the field, like Audi and Toyota, but there was still some great racing and as the last several years it came down to the final lap.



The winning Dyson team Lola Mazda.



The P2 class winner Morgan-Nissan.



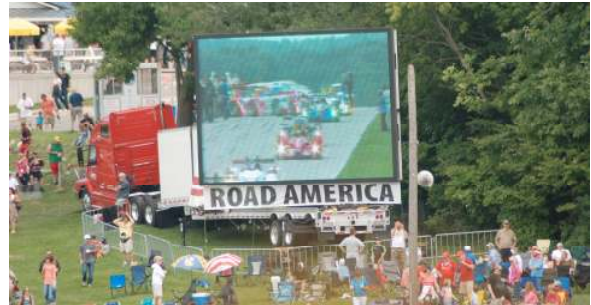
There was a strong field of competitive GT cars, here is first lap action.



The SRT Viper has made a comeback to the GT class; Road America was their second appearance.



One of the Vipers, driven by Tommy Kendall, had an incident and came back on the hook.



It was a perfect weather day, topping about 80 degrees. There were several additional big screen TVs around the track so you could keep track of the action in five classes.



The lunchtime autograph sessions in the paddock lets you get a good look at the cars and drivers. There was a huge line for Patrick Dempsey's autograph!

2012 GTR Summer NNL 5th Annual Contest & Swap Meet



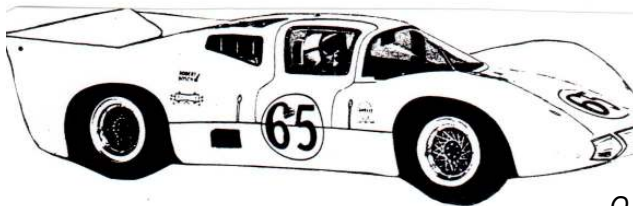
Theme:

DIRT-Off Road



Sub-Theme:

**50 Years of the Daytona 24
Hours - Sports Car Racing**



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Our Summer NNL event was held on Sunday August 5th 2012 from 9:00AM to 2:30PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014.

Admission to the show was five bucks, and you could enter as many models as you liked. Again this year we served a pizza lunch to all show entrants and paid attendees that was included in the entry fee.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote, as determined by show attendees. There were special awards for Peoples' Choice and for this year's theme, which was Dirt/Off Road (any automotive subject that is designed or modified to be used off pavement). And this year's Sub Theme was 50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours. The complete list of winners and sponsors appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

There were 151 models on the tables, entered by 31 modelers. There were more models and more entrants than last year.

We had modelers from five states, including Iowa, Minnesota and New York. They were divided up onto eight categories. Closed Wheel Competition again saw the largest turnout, and Motorcycles were pretty light.

This year our raffle featured over forty prizes, including kits, T-shirts and DVDs. The Grand Prize was a 1/8 scale 32 Ford kit. Thanks to all our raffle prize donors, a list appears elsewhere in this newsletter. We also had some nice event stickers to pass out to entrants

There was a swap meet, too. The free (to vendors) "trunk sale" swap meet was in the spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers opened their trunks and offered lots of kits and supplies for sale. The weather turned out to be perfect, sunny and 80 degrees. It looked like the number of vendors was a bit down from last time, but there still was a good variety of products from kits to memorabilia available to buy or trade. And

Plans are underway for next year's show. Details will be released as soon as they are firmed up. The theme will be 60 Years of Corvettes, with two trophies to be awarded, one for Best Racing Vette and one for Best Street Vette. So start building and we hope to see you next year!

2012 GTR NNL Winners

<u>Class</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Competition Open Wheel	In Memory of Bill Lastovich	Mike Klessig Ferrari 321B F1
Competition Closed Wheel	Mike's Scale Speed Shop	Mike Dowd Duster Funny Car
Street	In Memory of Bill Lastovich	Carlos Martinez Ferrari F430 Scuderia
Custom	Mark B. Gustavson Model Car Club	Rick Buikena 32 Ford Rat Rod
Commercial	Lake Michigan Model Car Club	Duke Spangler Peterbuilt Semi Truck
Motorcycles	Ron Thorne	Dave Vehers Chopper
Curbside	C.A.R.S. in Miniature	Chuck Herrmann Porsche 911 GT2
Out of the Box	IPMS/BONG	Mike Dowd 1955 Chrysler 300
Theme: Dirt/Off Road	Leicht Automotive	Ed Sexton Mitsubishi Dakar Racer
Theme: 50 Years of Daytona 24 Hours	Automotive Modelers Group	Dennis Lee Ferrari 333 SP
People's Choice	IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers	Carlos Martinez Ferrari F40

Also we would like to thank all the donors of the raffle prizes:

Revell Monogram

Lake Michigan Model Car Club

Scale Designs Decals

International Model Car Museum

Tim Leicht

Steve Jahnke

George Pritzen

Doug Fisher

Larry Fulhorst



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The 2012 GTR Summer NNL Trophy Winners

As voted by participants



Ed Sexton
Off road Theme – Mitsubishi Dakar Racer



Dennis Lee – photo n/a
50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours Sub Theme:
Ferrari 333SP Momo



Carlos Martinez
People's Choice Ferrari F40



Also Best Street - Ferrari F430 Scuderia



Chuck Herrmann
Curbside – Porsche 911 GT2 1995 Daytona

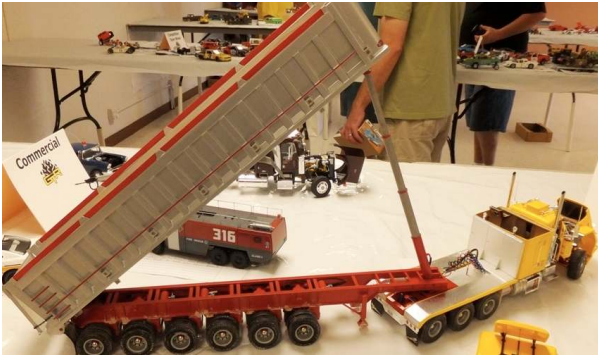


Rick Buikena Custom – 32 Ford Rat Rod





Duke Spangler
Commercial – Peterbuilt Semi Truck



Dave Vehrs – photo n/a
Motorcycle – Chopper



Mike Klessig
Competition Open Wheel – Ferrari 321B



Mike Dowd
Competition Closed Wheel
Dodge Duster Funny Car



Also Out of the Box – 1955 Chrysler 300



2012 GTR Summer NNL Photos

Photos by Steve Jahnke, Chuck Herrmann, Dennis Lee and Gerry Paquette. For more see Gerry's on line site at

http://s150.photobucket.com/albums/s110/exotics_builder/2012%20GTR%20NNL/





The raffle table

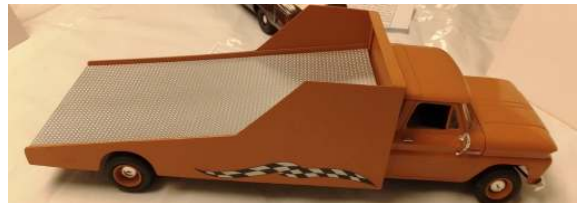
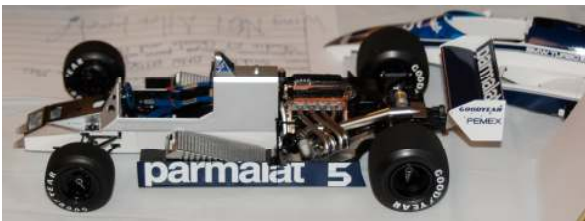


The competition class table was packed.



There were lots of great models on display in all the different classes.





The vendor trunk sale was set out outside.



Each entrant received this event sticker



GTR Event Calendar

Sep 15 Meadowdale Motorsports and Memories
Raceway Woods Carpentersville, IL
www.mirpa.org

Sep 23 60th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
(630) 969-1847
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com.

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

Oct 6 NNL 33
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH
Email to osplenn@aol.com

Oct 7 Toledo Collectors Toy Fair
Sylvania Exhibit Center Toledo OH
www.oldtoylandshows.com

Oct 11-14 iHobby Expo
I-X Center, Cleveland OH
www.ihobbyexpo.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

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

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

Dec 2 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec9 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Autumn Show
County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI
Contact Joan Dunn (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail)
or email jdunn07@centurytel.net
<http://www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com/ihhtml/mainframe.ihtml>



IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL

www.ipms2012.org

2013 Region 5 March 9, Madison, WI

2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO

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**2012 GTR Summer NNL
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