



# GTR

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## GTR Auto Modelers

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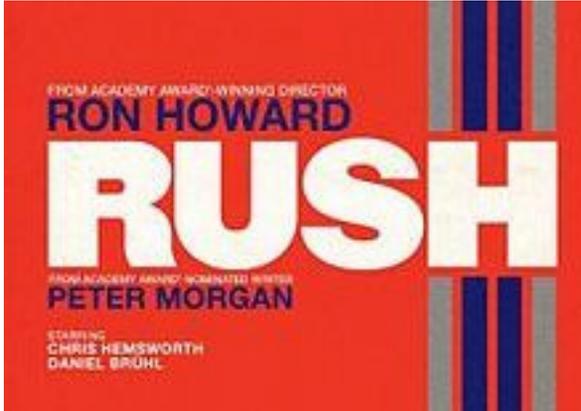


# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## MEDIA



### Rush Movie

After a lot of buzz in the automotive and entertainment press, Ron Howard's movie *Rush* premiered late September. Our readers know the story, the 1976 F1 season focusing on the rivalry between James Hunt and Niki Lauda. The movie captures the 70's era, it is even shot in a vintage grainy style. And the cars are authentic, many are the actual cars which are still active o the European vintage racing scene. The only thing that disappointed me was that there was not more actual racing footage, with other drivers that the two main characters. And they maybe over dramatized the Hunt-Lauda rivalry but that was to make it appeal to general audiences. My rating: 4 out of 5 stars, a very good movie. The best racing movie of all time remains Steve McQueen's *LeMans*, *RUSH* probably ranks second just ahead of *Grand Prix* because it is a bit more realistic.

## REAL WORLD

### INDIANAPOLIS GP in 2014

An IZOD IndyCar Series race will take place in May 2014 on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course. The race will be contested on the opening weekend of Month of May activities at IMS leading into the 98th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 25. It will be the first time the IndyCar Series has competed on the Speedway road course, which will undergo reconfiguration this fall and next spring to create more passing zones and fan-friendly vantage points.

There has already been lots of cyber chatter about ruining the tradition of the month at May leading up to the Indy 500. Despite the fact that in recent years all the hype that used to be Indy in May is just about gone, and without doing something to expand fans interest the 500 may have been reduced to a three day event like any other race. So we will see how it goes.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### 1/24 Lamborghini Veneno by Fujimi

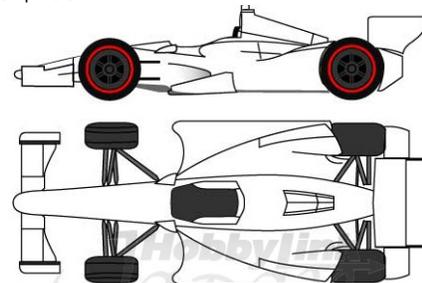


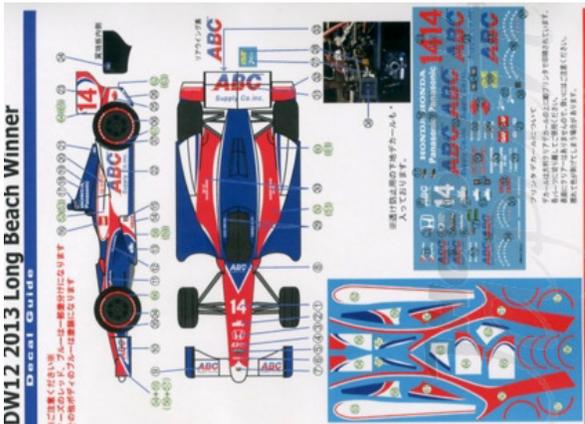
The 740 horsepower monster Lambo debuted at the 2013 Geneva Motor Show, now Fujimi is announcing a new 1/24 scale kit # 12583.

### New Indy Car Resin Kit



From Modulo, a company new to me, we will have a resin kit to build Takuma Sato's Long Beach winning Indy Car from this year. This is the first current generation Dallara DW12 Indy car kit I am aware of. It does not include parts or materials for antennas, seat belts, and "mufflers." You'll have to make those parts yourself. For around \$150.





## Studio 27 2013 LeMans Audi



Studio 27 has announced a 1/24 resin, white metal and photo-etched metal kit to build any one of the three Audi R18 e-tron quattro LMP cars from the 2013 Le Mans season.

## 2013 iHobby Expo

After a year away in Cleveland, the annual hobby industry trade show, iHobby returned to the Chicago area. It was October 3-6 at the Schaumburg Convention Center, a new venue. Other websites and publications have provided details on specific product releases so I will just highlight some things that stood out to me.



The room was smaller than past shows at the Rosemont Expo, but at least parking was free! The public was invited for the weekend days, as usual, and on Saturday there was a good crowd, with a long line waiting to pay as I left about 2:00 PM. There were demonstrations and model make and takes, and an IPMS sponsored model contest.



Lots of the industry companies were in attendance, with the notable exceptions of Revell and Tamiya. Most of the stuff on display was RC and train related, but there were booths from tool and paint suppliers, too.



Auto World/Round 2 (AMT, Polar Lights, MPC and Lindberg) had a display with products and catalogs.



At Testors some new spray colors are Glitter Clear along with Blue and Purple Clear Flip Flop.



Mobius Models announced plans for two new scale model kits, and provided an update on

their 1971 Ford Ranger F100 pick up kit that is still in the tooling process. The newly announced 1961 Pontiac Ventura hardtop 1/25 scale kit should provide some interesting build versions of this overlooked GM "bubble top". And to keep the FoMoCo fans happy, they have also announced plans for a 1/25 scale kit of a 1965 Mercury Comet Cyclone hardtop.



The RC guys had the best displays....



Scale Motorsports booth



**1/24 Typ G4 (1935 Production) WWII German Personnel Car by ICM**

ICM has announced they will "scale up" some military kits from 1/35 to 1/24. The first item is this Mercedes staff car. It has 255 parts, including chrome parts and rubber tires. Retail \$55. The design is similar to other military models, with multi piece body.



Excel Tools



## EVENTS

### 2014 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL

GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 3, 2014 at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 50 Years of Pony Cars. We have been approved by IPMS and the new flyers were first distributed at the Wheaton DuPage Swap Meet.

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 News**

## **GTR Update**

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, November 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. We will talk about plans for the next GTR Summer NNL, the Christmas party and our 2014 IPMS chapter renewal. Bring in your comments and ideas.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building.

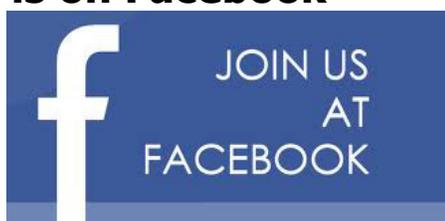
We are planning to do several photo shoots for the 2014 GTR Club Calendar throughout the year. Steve took more photos at the September meeting, watch for notice of the next shoot.

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.

### **GTR Classifieds:**

**Wanted:** Builder(s) for some vintage Can Am/USRRRC/sports racers, Nickey Chevy sponsored car. Kits provided. Payment TBD. Contact Chuck Herrmann at gtrchab@yahoo.com

## **GTR is on Facebook**

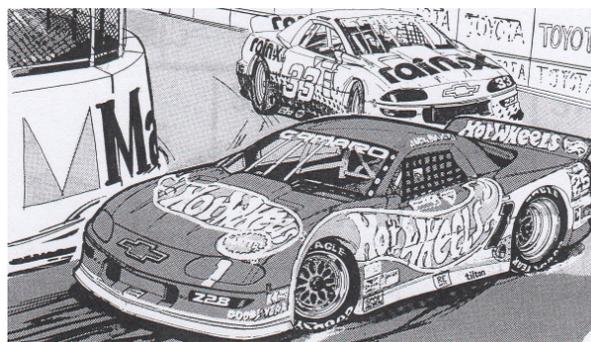


GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We now have over 80 friends.

## **2014 GTR Club Project**



The 2014 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 50 Years of Pony Cars. Finish a Pony Car between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me and your 2014 dues will be refunded!



So start planning and building! Let's get more built project models next year. I will have my two projects at the next meeting.

## **October Meeting**

The October 2013 regular GTR meeting was held Saturday, October 5 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report and the mailbag, we talked about the iHobby show, the movie *Rush*, and the Christmas Party at the December regular meeting. Then it was on to Show and Tell, here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

**Larry Fulhorst:** Four kits that fit next year's project and NNL themes. Two of the old Revell 1/43 plastic kits, the Mustang and Camaro, also a Revell 70 AAR Cuda kit and



a resin 1969 Parnelli Jones Trans Am Mustang.



**John Walczak:** 1965 Chevelle drag car with aftermarket decals.



**Doug Fisher:** A Tamiya Honda 1/12 racing motorcycle, in the Repsol Hippy paint scheme, finished earlier that day, and



his Accurate Miniatures Can Am McLaren Mk 8 ongoing project.



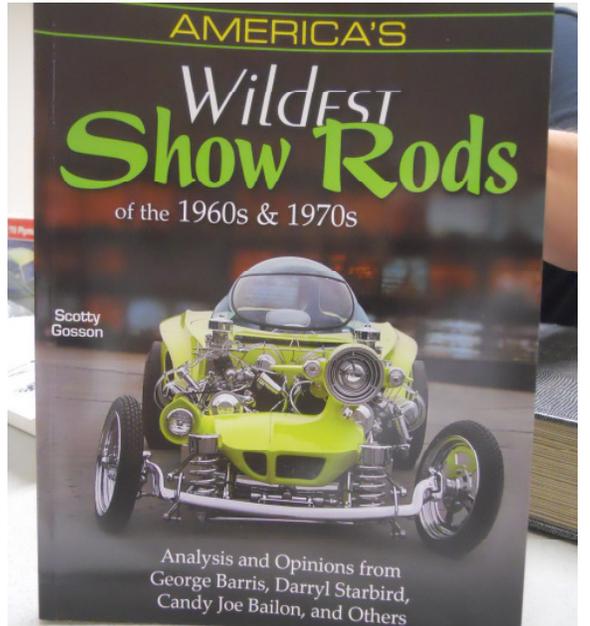
Also Doug brought along the Scale Motorsports detail set for the Revell C6 Corvette kit



**Steve Jahnke:** Nothing new, but he brought in the models he had displayed at iHobby earlier in the day



**George Pritzen:** a neat book of classic 60's and 70's customs.



**Dave Green:** Lots of new stuff, also an old IMC Little Red Wagon kit and a vintage MPC Maverick funny car.



Also a built up Polar Lights Willy's caricature car.



**Dave Edgecomb:** Two die cast Porsche 935s. A 1/18 Jagmeiseter LeMans car,



And a 1/43 test version from TSM.



Also the latest Fujimi Reventon kit,



And the Fujimi McLaren F1 kit.



**Chuck Herrmann:** Four pieces picked up at the recent Wheaton Swap meet. First was a 1939 Chevy KISS Sedan Delivery, purchased in pieces and rebuilt – note the hand painted KISS logo and flames. (see cover photo)



Also a Fujimi 1993 Porsche 911 Turbo, bought started and repainted and quickly finished.



And two projects. An AMT 53 Ford pickup glue bomb restoration, along with a Flintstone 51 Chevy panel truck using the AMT 51 Chevy convertible as the donor kit.



# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

## IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. As we go through the annual chapter renewal process this month, we have enough National IPMS members but we always can use some more. So 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).

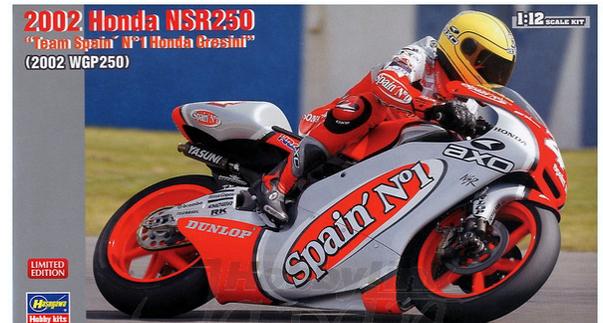
The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up, link to it through the IPMS/USA page.



**International Plastic Modelers Society**

August 6-9 2014 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 IPMS/USA Nationals at Hampton, VA.  
 Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
 hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri  
 Kansas City, MO  
 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in  
 Columbus, OH

## First Look: Hasegawa 1/12th Scale 2002 Honda NSR250



**Description:** 2002 Honda NSR250  
 "Team Spain' No1 Honda Gresini"

**Mfg:** Hasegawa **Kit#:** 21706 **Scale:** 1/12

Reviewed by Jon Fincher

*(Reprinted from IPMS/Seattle Newsletter)*

The subject of this kit is the 2002 version of the Team Gresini Honda NSR250. This bike is an odd choice for a kit, as it doesn't seem to have any major wins or major riders associated with it. The 2002 season was dominated by Aprilia, who won 14 of 16 races with riders Marco Melandri and Fonsi Nieto taking first and second that year. Team Gresini had two 250cc riders in 2002, Roberto Rolfo and Emilio Alzamora, who placed third and seventh respectively. Both riders left MotoGP shortly after this season, with Rolfo moving to Superbike and Alzamora leaving the sport entirely. Notably, Alzamora's sole claim to fame is having won the 1999 125cc championship without ever having won a race that year.

This kit can be built up into either Rolfo's or Alzamora's bike - you can pick whichever version you want to represent. Hasegawa molded the bike in grey and white, with a clear sprue for the windshield and, oddly enough, the wheels for the bike stand. Separately bagged tires, hoses, and other hardware complete the kit - no clear body panels were present in my kit, and oddly no screwdriver for the long bolts which hold the wheels on. There is no chrome in the kit -builders will have to provide their own metallics as they build, and protect them from wear and tear from handling as they work.

This kit is typical Hasegawa quality - crisply molded, little to no flash, and well-defined detail. The engine is nicely detailed and should respond extremely well to brush painting. The frame does not capture the engine, and so it can be completely painted and detailed on its own. Hoses and other hardware provided will also add to the realism of this kit.

However, there are some things which stood out as challenges. Weld lines on the frame have no weld detail - they're just raised lines. There are ejector pin marks on the front and rear brake rotors which will be difficult to remove without removing other detail. The chain has seven sprue attachment points, and another nine injection channels attached to it which will require cleanup - on such a fragile part, this will require care. As with the previous kit, bolts which hold the engine in place are injected parts with the sprue attachment on the visible bolt head.

The ten-page instruction sheet is well-detailed, and provided plenty of good quality images to guide the builder. Information on the bike, riders, and the racing team is accurate and helpful.

Paint colors are provided with GSI Creos and Mr. Color. For color conversions see:

[http://www.ipmsstockholm.org/colorcharts/stuff\\_eng\\_colorcharts\\_gunze.htm](http://www.ipmsstockholm.org/colorcharts/stuff_eng_colorcharts_gunze.htm)

TIP: For easy reference, I write out my color conversion chart for each model on a separate sheet of paper, and keep it with the kit so I don't need to flip back and forth in the instructions all the time.



The decals are very high quality, with minimal carrier film and very good color. Numbers for both Rolfo and Alzamora are given, and a full set of logos, sponsor decals, and paint details are provided. However, these extra details will require planning so they don't cause more problems down the road.

As with most racing motorcycle kits, the body work is what differentiates one kit from another.

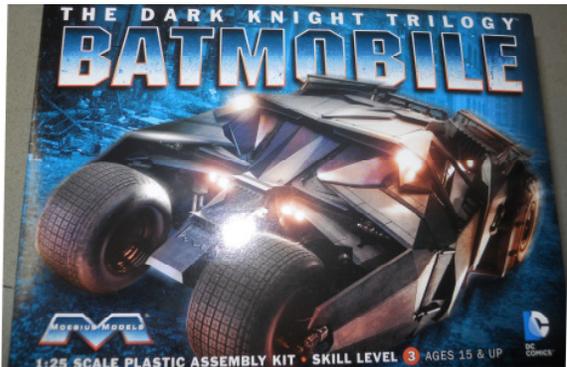
And it's in the finish that the most planning needs to be done. Looking at the decals, I noticed some potentially big problems. The large "Spain'No1" decal spans the upper and lower body panels, and will need some care to get placed correctly. However, this is child's play for the experienced modeler, and having met that challenge, the builder will need to address the next one.

The main color of the bike is day-glo or fluorescent red, which is approximated in the Spain No.1 decals. This color will need to be matched on the tank, front cowl, rear part of the underbelly, and the wheels, lest the bike appear to have been painted by different people on different days. Even this can be overcome with a little effort, but once that foe is vanquished, the builder must yet confront another, deadlier adversary looming on the horizon. The body is two-tone, silver and day-glo red, with decals marking the transition between them. From my previous build of the 2009 RS250RW, I know that finding the right place to make the color transition so it can be covered properly by the decal is difficult. In my previous attempt, I tried using photocopies of the decals to locate the color transition for masking, but was not always 100 percent successful. In trying to clean up colors and decal placement, I found that the silver paint did not allow the decals to adhere properly, so masking after clear-coating lifted them. Addressing this challenge will require some planning on the part of the builder.



The kit is high quality, which is typical of Hasegawa, and varies only slightly from other racing motorcycle kits they have offered. For the most part, the detail is crisp and even, with some minor issues to rectify as the build progress. The main challenges will lie with the finish, primarily with color selection and decal placement. While an odd selection for a subject, it's one I look forward to building and displaying.

# First Look: Moebius Batmobile Tumbler



**Description:** Dark Knight Batmobile  
**Mfg:** Moebius **Kit#:** 943 **Scale:** 1/25  
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann



**Subject:** Since the first Batman books were published back in 1939, the series has become a pop culture icon. It is still going strong, as proven by the success of the latest movie trilogy, *The Dark Knight* series. Almost from the beginning, Batman books and media used all sorts of promotional materials to hype the brand. In the modeling world, there have been numerous plastic kits of the various figures and vehicles, from all the major manufacturers like Aurora, AMT/Ertl and Revell. Now Moebius Models has gotten into the game, with kits of the Batpod motorcycle and Batman figures leading up to this release of the latest version of the Batmobile, also known as The Tumbler. This appeared in all three *Dark Knight* trilogy movies, in the last one there were multiple vehicles. All these kits are in 1/25 scale, so car modelers can display them along with most of the rest of their collections.

In the movie, the Tumbler is a quasi-military vehicle based on a rejected government military project developed by Wayne Industries, which is the firm owned by Bruce Wayne, Batman's secret identity. The car was designed and built by the movie creators, and shots in the movie use real vehicles.

Power for the Tumbler is a 500 HP 350 Chevy V8 driving all four 44" Super Swamper tires through titanium axles.

**Kit:** As with all recent Moebius kits, the packaging and graphics are first rate. The box is sturdy, the art is striking and each sprue is individually wrapped in plastic. The instructions are like a magazine, high gloss paper with color printing. There are no decals, as there are no markings on the real subject. The kit is molded in black plastic, with clear "glass" and vinyl tires.



The design of the kit is similar to the style of many military vehicle kits, in that the body is multi piece. Instead of one main body and one chassis piece, like most auto kits, everything builds up from individual pieces. So there is lots of detail in this kit.



**Summary:** So everything looks good. Due to the complexity it is not possible to comment on the fit or appearance until I actually dive into the build, but as other recent Moebius products are any indication it should build up fine.



**The Real Thing**

# 2013 Iron Invasion



The IRON INVASION 2013 event was held October 11-12 at the McHenry County Fairgrounds in Woodstock IL. Last year was the first event; apparently it was successful enough to return.



This is a vintage car event; eligibility was 1965 and older although newer cars did have a display area. There were a lot of cars on display.



Example of bomber style seats.



Not all the cars were rat rods.



Vintage midget racer.



This is the successor to the Hunnert Car Pile event, which ended last year. Besides the cars, there were vendors, music, and shows like the Pin Up Girl contest,





# GTR Event Calendar

Nov 9 IPMS/Butch O'Hare  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Contest & Swap  
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove IL  
[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)

November 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park H.S. Tinley Park, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Show,  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI  
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<http://www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com>

## 2014

January ??? RWIS Swap Meet  
Rockford, IL

Feb. 23 63rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 9?? Cedarville Contest & Swap  
Cedarville, IL

March ??? Ferrari Expo?

April 12 Milwaukee NNL 22  
Hosted by Auto Modelers Group  
Theme: SemiTrailers, PickUps & Lite Commercial  
Sub Theme: 50 Years of the Ford Mustang  
Excellence Center, Waukesha, WI  
[scottiekl@charter.net](mailto:scottiekl@charter.net)

Apr 13 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show,  
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July ??? Attack of the Plastic  
Lake Delavan WI

July 12 NIMCON III  
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL

August 3 GTR SUMMER NNL 7  
Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars  
Algonquin Township Building  
Crystal Lake, IL  
[www.gtrchab@yahoo.com](mailto:www.gtrchab@yahoo.com)

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