



GTR

Newsletter

December 2013

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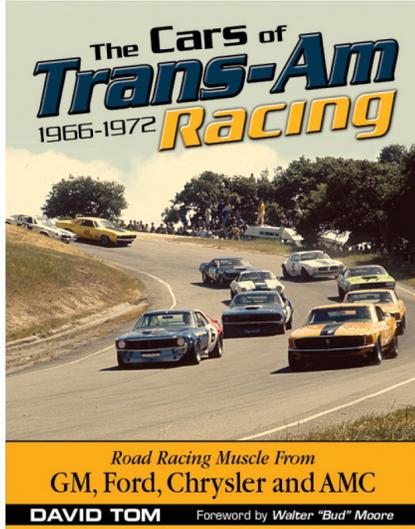


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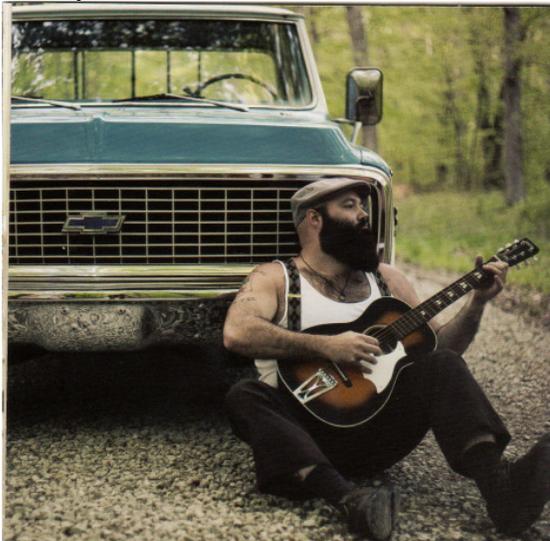
by Chuck Herrmann

MEDIA



Just in time to assist in your 2014 GTR club projects is the new book *The Cars of Trans Am Racing 1966-1972* by David Tom. 192 pages with over 500 photos, this may either inspire you to build a Trans Am pony car or provide reference material if you already have a subject in mind. From Car Tech Auto Books and Manuals www.carttechbooks.com.

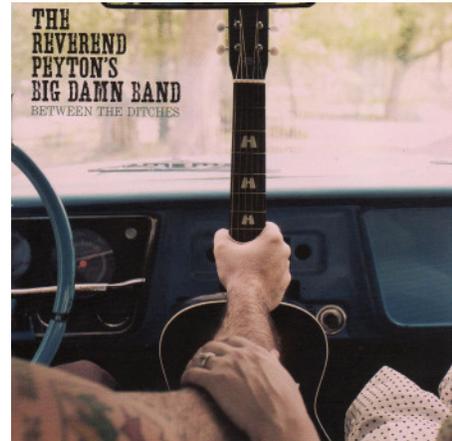
Music, Motors & Models



Another possibility for your next mix CD of car related music comes from Reverend Python's Big Damn Band.

*There's no computer – Makin it go.
Running the engine – 8 Vs of 3-5-0
350 under the hood and it feels so good
Come sit next to me on the old couch seat...
My Big Blue Chevy 72.....
Burn up some backroads -Drive up to the store
They just don't make 'em – Like this anymore*

Big Blue Chevy 72
From Reverend Python's Big Damn Band
Between the Ditches 2012



RUSH – The Movie

As of late November, *Rush*, the movie featuring the 1976 GP season battle between James Hunt and Nikki Lauda had earned about \$28 million. It cost \$38M to make, so hopefully it will make that back in rentals DVDs which have yet to be released to the market. However, the so-so sales make it look like motor racing movies still don't turn into mass audience hits

REAL WORLD So Long, Dario!



Three-time Indy 500 champion and four-time IndyCar series champion Dario Franchitti, injured during a wreck at Houston, has decided to retire. "One month removed from the crash and based upon the expert advice of the doctors who have

treated and assessed my head and spinal injuries post accident, it is their best medical opinion that I must stop racing," Franchitti said in a statement. "They have made it very clear that the risks involved in further racing are too great and could be detrimental to my long term well-being. Based on this medical advice, I have no choice but to stop."

The IndyCar Series legend ends his career with 31 Indy car wins (tied for eighth on the all-time list) and 33 poles (sixth on the all-time list). Franchitti conceded that leaving racing in this way was difficult, but he hopes to stay involved with open-wheel racing in general and his current team in particular, Chip Ganassi Racing. Of course now the speculation as to his replacement begins.

New LMP3 Class for LeMans Racing in 2015



In order to complete the endurance racing pyramid the Automobile Club de l'Ouest announces the creation of a new sports-prototype category baptised LM P3 (Le Mans Prototype 3). In 2015, this car that opens the door to endurance racing will be eligible for the Asian Le Mans and European Le Mans Series.

The aim of this new prototype is to supply teams and drivers with a low-cost ensemble, which will allow them to make their debut in endurance racing with a prototype whose characteristics are similar to an LM P (Le Mans Prototype)

Mazda Diesel MLP2 Program in North America

Mazda confirmed its long-rumored return to sports car racing as a proper works team, announcing they will enter a pair of diesel-powered LMP2s in the new TUDOR United SportsCar Championship starting in 2014. This gives Mazda the chance to race against the likes of Chevrolet with its Corvette Daytona Prototypes, Ford and its EcoBoost turbo DPs, GTR Auto Modelers *Newsletter* November 2013

Honda and its turbo P2s and other prototype machinery in the 11-round championship.



Mazda's oil burners will be carried in the back of P2 chassis built by Canada's Multimatic, which took over production of Lola when the storied British constructor was liquidated. Targets for horsepower and torque fall in the 450-500 range.

The first race for the cars, and the TUDOR Championship as a whole, takes place at the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona on January 25-26.



Below is the Delta Wing Coupe during recent Daytona testing.



2014 Fiat 500 "1957 Edition



Fiat will have a special "1957" edition of it's Fiat 500 that will bring back memories of the colors of a 1957 500.

INDUSTRY NEWS

2012 Red Bull F1 Kits from Revell Germany

The latest 1/24 scale Formula One series kits from Revell Germany are the 2012 World Champion Red Bull Renault RB8.



07074 Red Bull Racing RB8 "Sebastian Vettel" and
07075 Red Bull Racing RB8 "Mark Webber"

There are separate kits for both drivers, Sebastian Vettel and Mark Weber. These are full details kits including the engine type RS27-2012 designed by Renault. It features the stepped nose required by the rules. Sebastian Vettel was able to win five grand Prix on the way to his the 3rd World Championship title. Red Bull Racing won their 3rd constructors' world championship in succession. The kits include decals for Sebastian Vettel for Bahrain, Germany and India. For Mark Webber decals are for Australia, Monaco and India GPs,

EVENTS

2014 7th 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, we are on the IPMS USA events page and the new flyers are available to start passing out.

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, December 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. The main activity will be the Christmas party. Food will be provided, Italian Beef and Sausage along with salad from Bimbos in Cary. Bring your own beverages or use the machine at the meeting, also if anyone wants to bring in something like chips or dessert please do. I will need to know how much food to order so please RSVP to me if you are coming. We will have a photo shoot, talk about the 2014 GTR NNL and the usual model talk.

The last photo shoot for the 2014 GTR Club Calendar will be at the December Meeting. Steve will have the camera set up so bring in your models if you wish to be included in the calendar.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin 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.

GTR Classifieds:

Wanted: Builder(s) for some vintage Can Am/USRRRC/sports racers, Nickey Chevy sponsored car. Kits provided. Payment TBD.

Wanted: Wheels and tires for Tamiya 1/24 Porsche 961 kit.

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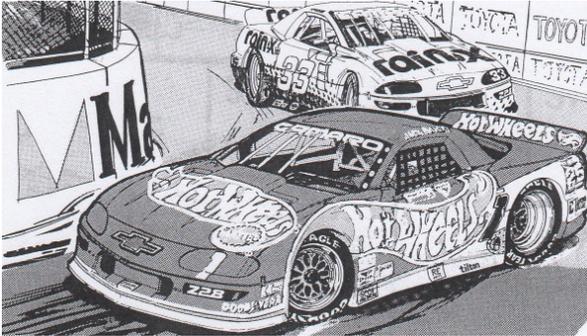
GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We now have over 80 friends.

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.

November Meeting

The November 2013 regular GTR meeting was held Saturday, November 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. Two members who had not been to meetings recently were there, it was good to see Gary Dobson and Paul Heber again, After the treasury report and the mailbag, we talked about the club T-Shirts for next year, and about the Christmas Party for next meeting. Then it was on to Show and Tell, here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

John Walczak: John had a lot this time, classics like an AMT 62 Ford Galaxie with a Starliner roof,



a 62 Buick Special wagon, and



an AMT 61 Pontiac Tempest four door.



Also a rare Johan 70 Javelin for the club NNL project build, bought earlier that day.



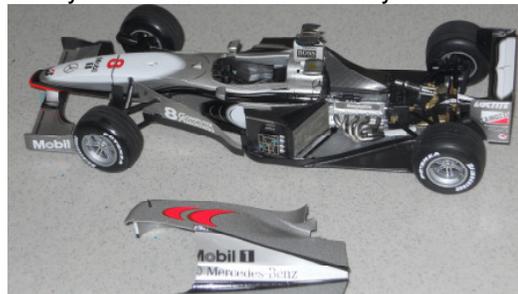
Doug Fisher: A Hasegawa Porsche 962,



And a Tamiya Porsche 911 GT1 with the Scale Motorsports carbon fiber test car decals.



Gary Dobson: Gary has been able to build a few things while recuperating from recent surgery. A Tamiya McLaren F1 as driven by Mika Hakkinen,



also a McLaren driven by Senna with the driver figure added (also see cover photo).



Plus a C5 Corvette, the Earnhart Daytona car,



along with several Nissans, two stock street Zs.



And the Calsonic and Xanavi Japan GT racing versions, Tamiya kits.



Paul Heber: Some builds and projects. First a Monogram Kurtis Kraft in progress, adding the Ken Miles driver figure from the Revell Cobra kit.



Plus some NASCAR Buicks, a phantom Jasper Engines car and



A Harry Gant Skoal version.



Dave Green: As usual, Dave had a lot of new stuff. The AMT Camaro police car, the Revell 50 Olds Custom version and the AMT 41 Willys reissue.



Also he had two recent swap finds of IMC kits, then Lola T70 and the Ford GT40. Also a Ford Fairmont resin body by Futura Attractions.



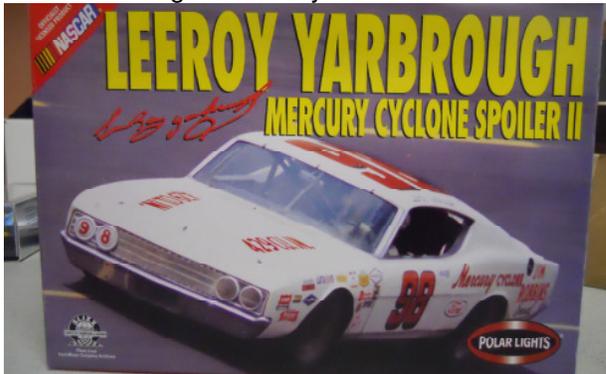
Dave Edgecomb: Dave had a Spark diecast 1/43 Porsche 935 LeMans 1980.



Also in 1/24 a Paul's Auto Art LeMans Mercedes



And a Polar Lights Mercury NASCAR kit.



Gerry Paquette: The Revell Germany BMW 850 kit.



Also a built 1993 Camaro Indy Pace Car, the Revell Monogram kit with lots of added details, and



Chuck Herrmann: Two items completed since last meeting; an old issue AMT1953 Ford pickup, a rebuild picked up last DuPage swap, with the Lime Green Metallic paint cleaned up and salvaged, built as a well driven custom. It was displayed along with a Jimmy Flintstone Frankenstone figure, for Halloween.



Also some potential Pony Car projects, three 1966 AMT Mustang kits, one a potential rat rod.



And one as an Indy Pace car.

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. For 2014, we have been successfully renewed as an IPMS chapter, we had 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.

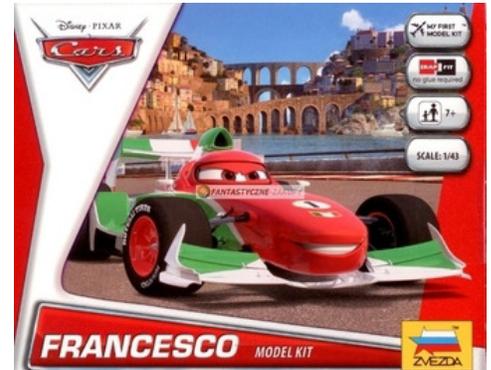
The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up, link to it through the IPMS/USA page.

IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

August 6-9 2014 50th 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: Francesco from *CARS*



Description: Francesco

Mfg: Zvezda Kit#: 2017 Scale: 1/43

Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

Here's something in time for the holidays if you are looking for a gift for a young or beginner modeler. Zvezda, a Russian company new to me but one that offers a full line of military kits, apparently paid the royalty fees to Disney Pixar and has released a full line of license kits from the animated movies *CARS* and *PLANES*. The auto kits are in 1/43 scale, and are snap kits. There are 10 cars kits, for each of the major characters from the film



I have not seen this movie, so I don't know who "Francesco" is, but it looks like an Italian Grand Prix car with a closed cockpit. The model comes molded in red, white and black plastic. The green accents, the "eyes" and number are stick-ons, all for easy assembly for beginning modelers. The tires are black plastic.

The design reminds me of the Heller styrene F1 kits in the level of detail. For a snap kit there are a lot of parts. I haven't try assembling it so I don't know how well it goes together.

So if you are looking for a gift to maybe motivate a young builder, these may be worth a try. As I type this they are \$9.99 on Amazon.



GTR Event Calendar

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park H.S Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Winter Show,
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI
Call (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail) or email
jdunn07@centurytel.net
<http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com>

2014

January 15-18 Dakar Rally
Argentina, Chile, Bolivia

January 25-25 Rolex 24 Hours
United Sports Car Championship
Daytona, FL

Feb. 23 Daytona 500 NASCAR

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?

March 15 Sebring 12 Hours
United Sports Car Championship
Sebring, FL

April 12 Milwaukee NNL 22
Hosted by Auto Modelers Group
Theme: Semi Trailers, Pick Ups & Lite Commercial
Sub Theme: 50 Years of the Ford Mustang
Excellence Center, Waukesha, WI
scottiekl@charter.net

Apr 13 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show,
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI
Call (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail) or email
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<http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com>

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

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www.ipmsusa.org

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