

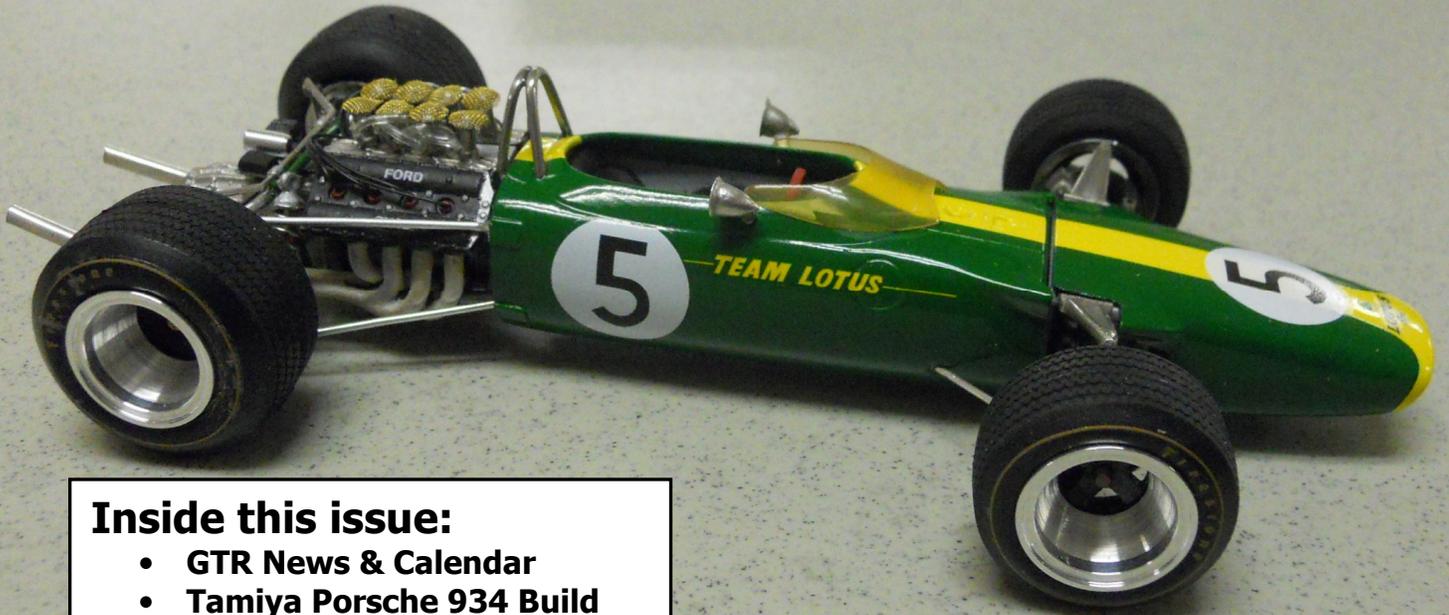


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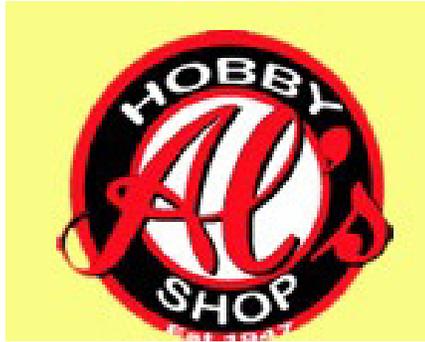
GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

INDUSTRY NEWS

Al's Hobbies Closes



In a surprise to local modelers, Al's Hobbies in Elmhurst shut its doors at the close of business Saturday May 3.



Al's had been a fixture in the local hobby scene, having been in business for 67 years. It recently had undergone many changes and was not as great as it was several years ago, especially for plastic modelers. But that seems to be the fate common to most physical hobby shops recently. It was still a full service store with paints, tools and some aftermarket stuff in addition to kits. I will miss browsing thru Al's, especially the bins of aftermarket stuff where I usually found some special piece for a project.

With the demise of both AdVenture and Al's in the past year, is it all doom and gloom for our hobby? I am not aware of the specific factors behind Al's closing. There are many reasons why businesses succeed or fail, like age, family, finances, or poor business planning. So we cannot place all the blame on the Internet. The on line vs. physical store battle is still being waged to see which business model works. Most likely there will be some level of both. Kits are

still on store shelves, like Hobbytown and Hobby Lobby and some Wal Marts have reintroduced plastic kits. What is becoming more difficult is getting a wide range of supplies close by. Such as paints and tools, and as we become more advanced (or addicted!) we look for specialty items like Bare Metal foil, aftermarket decals or wheels, setting solution, Humbrol paints or other items not always available at chain stores. I do not want to order every can or jar of paint on line, paying shipping and waiting. We can wait for local swap meets and shows but we can't always make it to those events.

So it is now more important than ever to SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOBBY SHOP!

REAL WORLD

Porsche Sued in Paul Walker Crash

Compiled from various Internet sources

The wife of a man who was driving a Porsche sports car that crashed and killed actor Paul Walker is suing the automaker, alleging it designed a faulty vehicle. The wrongful death and negligence lawsuit was filed in Los Angeles by Kristine Rodas, the wife of Walker's friend and business partner Roger Rodas.

The lawsuit against Porsche Cars North America claims the company's 2005 Porsche Carrera GT suffered from design flaws and had a malfunctioning suspension that caused the November crash and both men's deaths.

Authorities have cited unsafe speed as a cause of the crash. But Kristine Rodas' complaint says her husband was driving the Porsche at 55 mph before the accident, despite the results of an investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol released in March that concluded unsafe speed and not mechanical problems caused the crash. That investigation was aided by engineers from Porsche, who evaluated the wreckage of the rare car.

The differing opinions on the crash will likely be a part of any trial over the lawsuit, which could take years to resolve. Roger Rodas was trained as a race car driver, according to his wife's lawsuit. Walker, the star of the "Fast & Furious" film franchise, co-owned an auto racing team with Rodas named Always Evolving. Walker's death occurred on a break in the filming of "Fast & Furious 7," and the actor's two brothers are helping complete action scenes in the film. The film's release has been delayed until April 2015.

MEDIA

The Next Batmobile

The new *Batman vs Superman* movie is in the works, and below is the first photo of the latest generation Batmobile as leaked to the Web.



The scheduled release date is July 2015, so it will be awhile before we can watch Ben Affleck tool around Gotham in this new ride.

Blancpain GT series to be broadcast in North America on CBS Sports.

The Blancpain GT Series will be televised in North America on the cable CBS Sports Network with same-day coverage as part of the long-running CBS Sports Spectacular series.

The coverage of the series will consist of same day "as live" coverage of the Blancpain Sprint Series races, with a subsequent repeat airing. The Blancpain Endurance Series (including the Total 24 hours of Spa) will also be covered through same day one hour highlight programs.



This European series of GT races was formerly run as the FIA GT. Cars include Porsche, Mercedes, Aston Martin and Lamborghini.

TVRacer.com

If you have problems finding the various racing programming on TV, especially with the demise of Speed TV, TVRacer.com has been a nice one stop site.

EVENTS

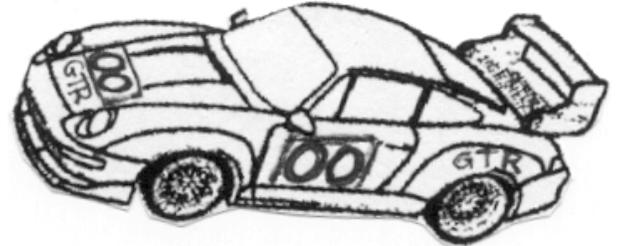
See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

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 are now accepting trophy sponsorships (\$35) and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.**



Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014



One of the annual logo cars in the early years of GTR was this Porsche 911 in 2000, fitting for remembering this June, LeMans month!

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, June 7 at the Algonquin Township Building.

The 2014 GTR Club Calendar is still available! Cost is \$10 to GTR members. We have sold out but since they are printed on demand we can get as many as we need. Contact Steve or Chuck if you are interested.

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 is on Facebook

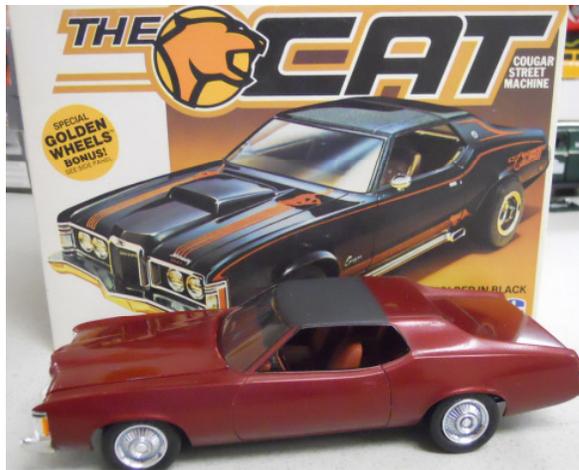


GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up!

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!



For the May meeting I brought in an MPC 1973 Mercury Cougar. It was built out of the box as the (almost) stock version, not the street machine on the box (although the 428 engine option I used was not available in stock 1973 Cougars). The paint was rattle can Duplicolor Dark Toreador Red. I didn't get the dues refund since I already completed the 64/66 Mustang Indy pace car earlier (see last issue).



So get building! Let's get more built project models this year!

May GTR Meeting

The May GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, May 3 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report, during the business portion we discussed the new club T-shirts and details for our upcoming Summer NNL.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

Gerry Paquette: A Fujimi Enthusiast Series Ferrari Dino 246GTS in progress,



And his in progress Pony Car project, a Revell 1968 Firebird being modified into a Firebird Sprint with a Replica and Miniatures of Maryland straight 6 cylinder engine.

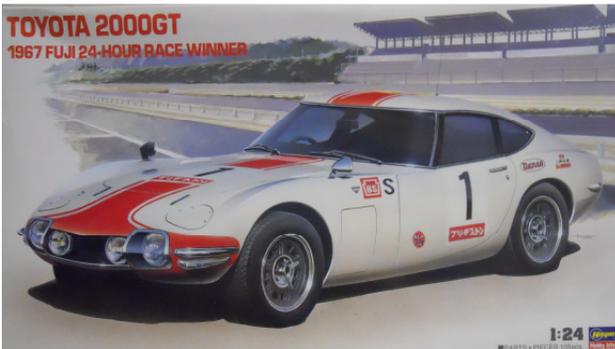


Also the Meng Models kit of the Ford F-350 pickup, see the First Look article in this issue.

Ed Sexton: a very nice 1/24 Lotus 49 Grand Prix racer, a resin and white metal kit by Joker. Also see cover photo.



Steve Jahnke: Some kits, a Hasegawa Toyota 2000GT.



And some pony car theme kits, AMT pre painted Cougar and Camaro. (see, no excuse for not doing a club project!! Ed.)



Darrin Gilligan: Lindberg Chrysler Atlantic



Jim Brooks: some new supplies from the beauty shop that can be used in modeling for weathering



John Walczak: Jo Han 1959 Rambler wagon, done as a custom.



Mark Minter: Resin TV Tommy Ivo Wagon Master - see the feature article this issue.



Dave Green: more new stuff, along with recent swap finds of vintage IMC kits.



And the new Revell Jungle Jim dragster



Dave Edgecomb: several kits appropriate for the pony car project theme.



Chuck Herrmann: the MPC 1973 Cougar (see the club the GTR Project section), also the 1966 Mustang Indy 500 pace car discussed last issue.

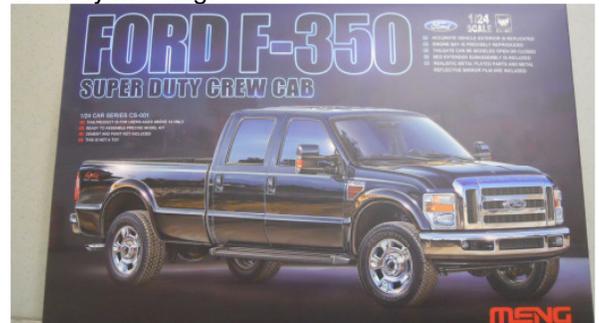


And a Monogram 1939 Chevy Sedan Delivery, found in a bag of parts bought at the Cedarville show and reassembled. Note the extensive rework of the front end and the custom Model Empire graphics!



First Look: Meng Models Ford F-350 Pickup

Gerry Paquette brought the new Meng Models Ford F 350 Super Duty Crew Cab pickup kit to our May meeting.



This is an impressive kit, big box, great packaging and instructions.



It is molded in black and silver plastic. The cab is one piece, while the bed has separate floor and side panels. There are two tailgate options, including the extended cage. There are two different chrome wheel options on Yokohama tires. The frame builds into a four wheel drive unit.



The power comes from a 6.4L Turbo Diesel Power Stroke V8 mated to a Six-Speed SelectShift Automatic transmission and transfer case. This looks like a nice kit, and the unique diesel/4WD set up stands out for truck modelers.

For more photos (such as the engine above), *Model Cars Magazine* editor Greg Hutchings is doing a build on their web site. See: www.modelcarsmag.com

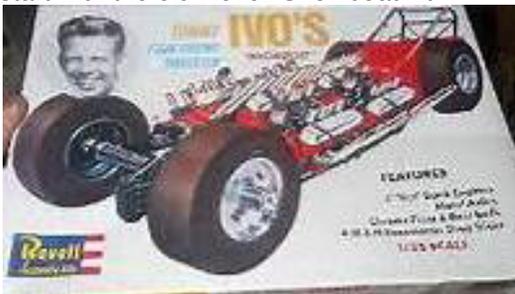
Tommy Ivo's Wagon Master

Mark Minter brought in a unique model to the May GTR meeting, the four wheel drive, four Buick engine powered *Wagon Master* drag car.

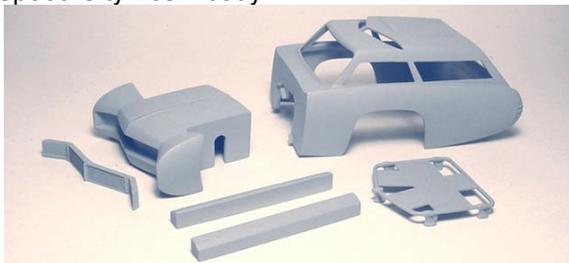
Subject: Tommy Ivo raced the one of kind four engine, four wheel drive dragster *Showboat* for a number of years in the early 60s. Initially it ran in competition. But after the NHRA banned it from racing, it became an Expedition only car which remained a real crowd pleaser.

Tommy Ivo eventually sold *Showboat* to his friend and crew member Tom McCourry. In 1965 McCourry rebuilt *Showboat* as a Buick Riviera Station Wagon based dragster which became known as *Wagon Master*. Now it is in the NHRA Hall of Fame.

To build the *Wagon Master* in scale, Mark had to start with the old Revell Showboat kit.



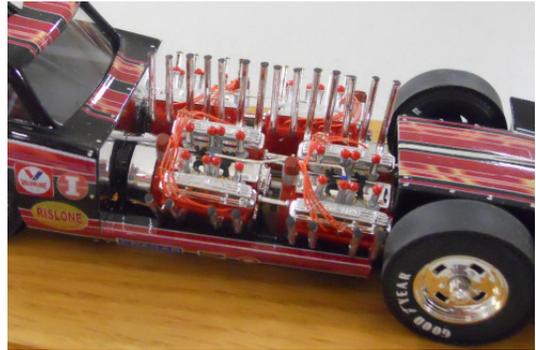
For the body he used the resin body kit from Speed City resin body



And for decals he used the sheet from Scale Racing Replicas.



Great job, Mark.



Mark built a nice base that was lit up by colored LED lighting.



The Real Thing



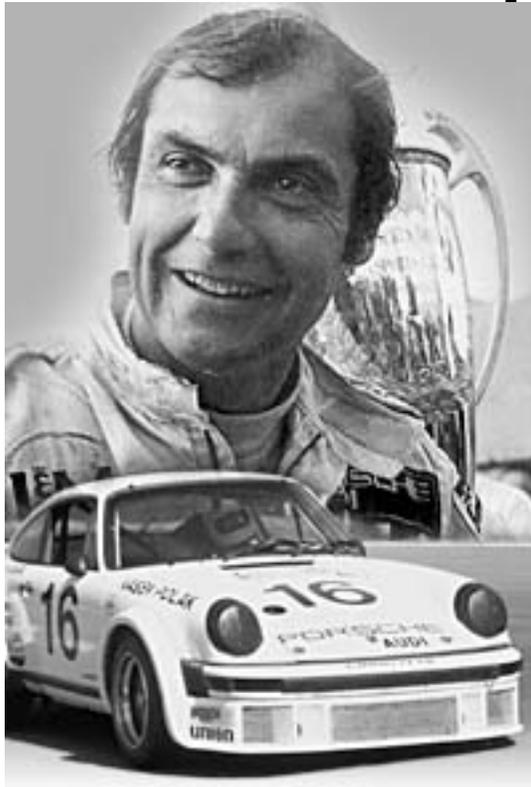
The car appeared in various paint schemes.



The trailer was impressive too.



Kit Build: Tamiya Porsche 934 - Trans Am Champ



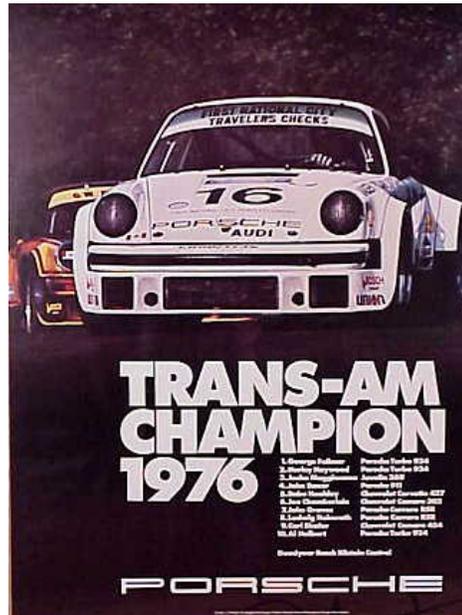
Description: Porsche Turbo RSR Type 934
Mfg: Tamiya **Kit#:** 24328 **Scale:** 1/24
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

I did the First Look at this kit in the October 2013 newsletter. I finished it just in time for the Ferrari Expo contest so here is the follow up build article with some of the earlier content.

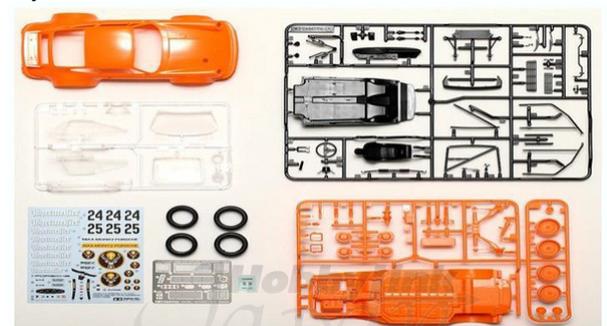


Subject: The Porsche 934 was a GT class race car developed by Porsche for the 1976 racing

season. It was manufactured for two years, 1976 and 1977. It won the European GT Championship, while in the U.S., with George Follmer at the wheel it became the Trans-Am champion. It continued to win races throughout the late 1970s. It also raced at all the famous endurance races, Lemans, Sebring and Daytona for a multitude of teams in a wide variety of paint schemes. I decided to model the Follmer 1976 Trans Am car, using Studio 27 decals. There were several photos of the car on the internet for reference.



Kit: This kit is a curbside design, with no engine other than the engraved bottom pan on the chassis. The design and engineering of the kit are similar to other Porsche kits by Tamiya and Fujimi, especially the Tamiya 935s. There is a full interior in this kit; it is not adapted from an electric toy with the filled in interior tub.

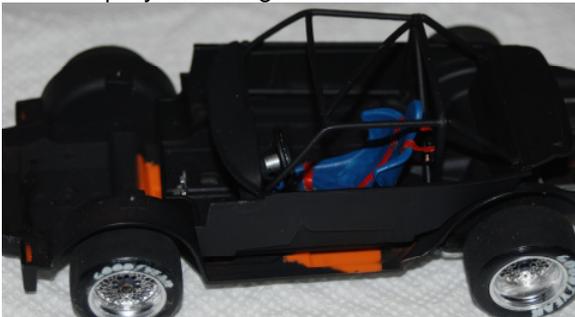




Body: The body was molded in orange, since the kit subject was the Jagermeister sponsored car. To cover this I first used PlastiKote Grey primer, followed by PlastiKote White primer. The color coat was Tamiya Pure White from a rattle can. This seemed to cover the orange satisfactorily.

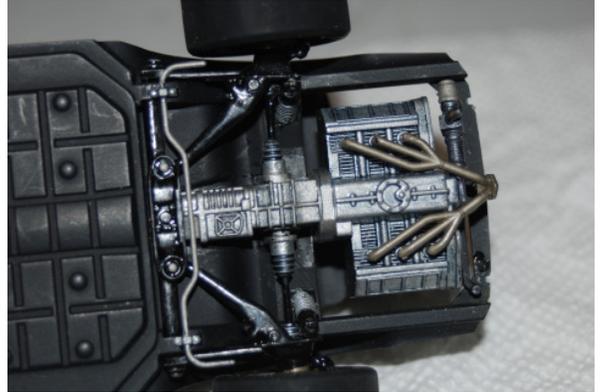


The body is basically one piece. The headlight buckets are chrome with clear lenses. Since Trans Am races were only held during the day, teams either taped the headlights over or installed a cover. I painted the lenses black with a silver bezel surround to replicate the covers on the real car. This kit includes a photo etch sprue for this specific car. This includes mesh pieces for the radiator grilles which have holes which match up perfectly with mounting posts on inside the body. The clear windows mount from the inside, with secure attachment areas. Windshield wipers are separate pieces. You need to paint the taillights with clear red and orange as the piece comes molded in clear. The black window and bumper trim was painted on by hand. There was a separate edge piece for the whale tail rear wing which I sprayed semi-gloss black.



Interior: The interior is a tub that sits on the top of the chassis. There is a roll cage and racing bucket seat. The seat belts from the kit are

decals, so I added belts from masking tape with photo etch buckles.



Chassis: This is a curbside design so the chassis is simplified, typical Tamiya style. There are basic suspension pieces and driveshafts, which I somehow broke several times but was able to get it back together. The underside of the engine is molded into the chassis pan. I painted the chassis flat black, some suspension pieces gloss black and the engine various metallic shades. A black wash picked out some of the details, the exhausts are separate pieces. Tires are vinyl slicks. No tire markings are included, I used some leftover Goodyear lettering from the Revell Hot Wheels 96 Camaro Trans Am kit sheet.



Decals: For decals I used the Studio 27 sheet. These were some of the best decals I have ever used, they went on perfectly.

Summary: If you have built other Tamiya Porsche 911 or 935 kits you know what to expect, typical good Tamiya fit. I was able to cover the bright orange plastic. And even though the decals seem rather plain, they look pretty good on the model.

Note: the next release of this kit will be the blue/green Vailiant car.

2014 GTR Summer NNL

7th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Pony Cars

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 3th 2014 from 9:00AM 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:

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme: 50 Years Of Pony Cars	All scales, all types	US, front engine, rear drive Pony Cars. Specifically: Mustang, Camaro, Firebird, Barracuda, Challenger, Javelin, Cougar (RWD only). No Corvettes, AMX, etc. Trophies for Best Street and Racing versions.
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

June 7-8 Heartland Model Car Nationals hosted by KC Slammers Overland Park Conv.Center Overland Park (KC) KS Robert Perillo 816-729-6159

June 14-15 24 Hours of LeMans, France



June 20-21 NASCAR Nationwide and Trans Am Road America, Elkhart Lake. WI

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

July 13 Attack of the Plastic
Lake Lawn Lodge, Delavan WI
Rick Allan 262-728-5003

July 27 Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

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

Aug 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Hampton VA
www.ipmsusa.org

Aug 10 TUDOR Sportscars Championship
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

Aug 17 Milwaukee IndyFest Indycar Series
State Fair Park, Milwaukee WI

Sep. 28 64th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 1-4 iHobby Expo
Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Oct 11-12 Toledo Swap & NNL

Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri
Kansas City, MO

Nov 1 IPMS/ Glue Crew 2014
Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center
Wausau WI Joseph Drew

Nov 2 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 8 IPMS/ Butch O'Hare Annual Contest
Lakeview Jr. High School
701 Plainfield Rd.
John Bishop 630-904-2819

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL
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