



GTR's 15th  
Anniversary  
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# GTR

## Newsletter

### November 2014



Gerry Paquette's 1968  
Firebird Sprint Six Cylinder

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## GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs  
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year  
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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## REAL WORLD

### Ferrari F60 America



This year marks the 60th anniversary of Ferrari sales in the U.S. market, and the Italian company is celebrating with a special-edition version of its F12 Berlinetta sports car. Called the Ferrari F60 America, the new model is limited to just ten copies -- all of which have already been purchased by established Ferrari collectors.

### 2016 Ford GT?



2016 will be the 50th anniversary of Ford's first win at the 24 Hours of LeMans. There are rumors that Ford will launch a new version of the Ford GT supercar, possibly a racing version as well.



Several possible concepts have been floating around cyberspace, including the two shown above.

## MEDIA

Musical acts are part of the Iron Invasion show experience (see coverage elsewhere this issue). This year I got to see a neat band, *The Surf Zombies*.

Despite the name they really do not have anything to do with Halloween. They play surf guitar rock which ties in with the Iron Invasion vintage custom car culture vibe. I picked up one of their CDs, it is pretty cool. Great music to

accompany building your next rat rod or vintage custom project, or just for cruising.



They were a good fit for the Iron Invasion car show, with song titles like "Torque Fest", "Boss 302" and "Stingray Dream". The new CD *Lust for Rust* features 19 short, fast songs.

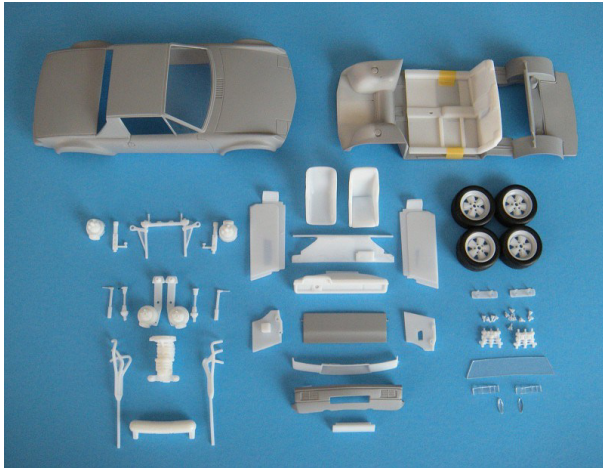
## INDUSTRY NEWS

You can find out about new stuff on display at the recent iHobby Expo in Rosemont from a number of sources. So I thought I would show a few more unusual items which are new to me.

**Historic Racing Miniatures** is currently offering a Porsche 914-6 transkit. This will require a Fujimi Enthusiast series 911 kit to complete.







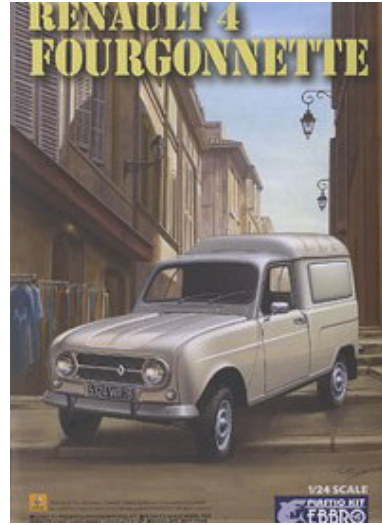
Also coming is a front-engined Scarab (w/engine!), which is rumored to be a complete kit, except for decals. VRM should be doing decals



### Ebbro Renault 4L kits



Ebbro, better known for their recent Grand Prix racing kits, is now offering two 1/24 versions of the Renault 4L, the sedan and the light delivery truck.



### Academy Hyundai Azera



Academy has released a new 1/24 Hyundai Azera kit, unusual in that it is a current 4 door sedan. And it is a snap kit! Kit 15121

### Revell AG News

Revell Germany's new **Paint Remover** can remove completely dried paint from their models. This means paint flaws can be remedied while making a model, and finished models can even be repainted. Even finest engravings are preserved, and transparent parts such as cockpit hoods are as clear as ever after Paint Remover is used.

Some new kit announcements look like reissues.



BMW M1 ProCar 1/24 Number 07247



Bentley Blower 4.5 Number 1/24 07007

## EVENTS

Local events this month include on the IPMS/ Butch O'Hare Annual Contest on November 8th in Downers Grove IL

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. I will start listing the 2015 events soon as they are firmed up. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.



# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

## IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. The annual chapter renewal process begins in October, so I am updating our status to renew for 2015. 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 website for next year's Nationals, July 22-25, 2015 in Columbus, OH can be linked from [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org).



# IPMS USA

International Plastic Modelers Society

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

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals  
in Columbus, OH

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5  
Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway  
St Louis, MO

2016 IPMS/USA Nationals in  
Columbia, SC



# News

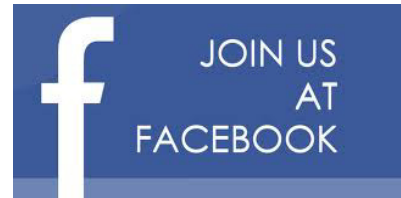
## GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, November 1 at the Algonquin Township Building. We have the new GTR club shirts available to pass out to those who ordered one, also a few extras if you didn't, so bring your money and get your shirt. Cost is \$10 for Tees and \$15 for Polo shirts.

Steve Jahnke will be taking photos of GTR members cars for ther 2015 GTR club calendar at the next several meetings so bring in any models you wish him to photograph,

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!



## October GTR Meeting

The October GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, 10/4/2014 at the Algonquin Township Building. After the treasury report, we discussed the news from the iHobby Expo taking place in Schaumburg that weekend. There was not a lot of exciting news from the show.

Here are some pictures of stuff on display in Show & Tell.

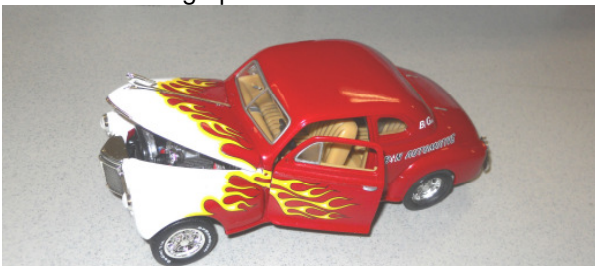
**Dave Green:** More new stuff Dave just acquired,



including this Avenger GT-12 kit for his almost complete IMC kit collection.



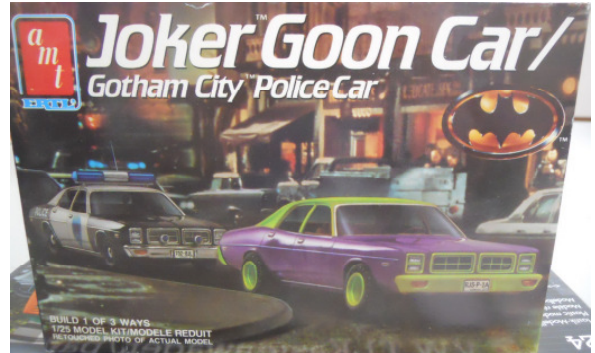
And this Testors 39 Chevy pre-painted metal body kit he is finishing up.



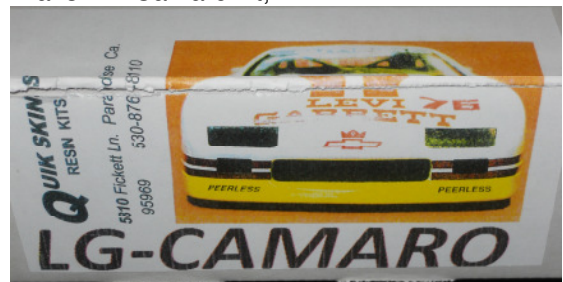
**Chuck Herrmann:** a 1987 Dodge Charger Shelby, an MPC kit built about 25 years ago.



Also a potential GTR Summer NNL project build, a Joker Goon Car – Dodge Monaco kit.



**Dave Edgecomb:** The Quik Skins Resin 80's Trans Am Camaro kit,



Also a Tamiya Lotus Europa kit,

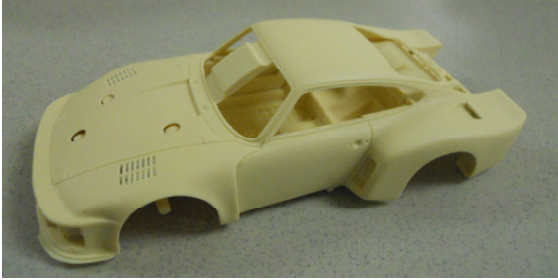


a LeMan Miniatures 1/24 Dauer Porsche 962 resin kit



and a Porsche 935 Kremer resin kit by Scale Designs.





**John Walczak:** a built 1/20 scale MPC AMX



**Gerry Paquette:** two 1/24 promos by Norscott, a 2014 Silverado and a 2015 Tahoe



And his completed MPC 1968 Firebird.



Gerry used the Replicas and Miniatures of Maryland resin six cylinder engine to model a base model Firebird. It was wired and detailed.



Gerry had brought this in to some earlier meetings, he changed the color to Phoenician Yellow from his original dark green metallic.



There were a lot of extra details in the interior, including real wood veneer.



# Moebius Dark Knight Batman and Bat-Pod Kit Build Ups

**Description:** Bat-Pod

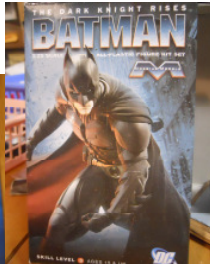
**Mfg:** Moebius **Kit#:** 920 **Scale:** 1/25

**Description:** Batman Figures

**Mfg:** Moebius **Kit#:** 937 **Scale:** 1/25

by Chuck Herrmann

Since readers will be getting this issue just days before Halloween, I thought I would finally do my follow up on the Moebius Models Dark Knight Rises Batman figures and Bat-Pod since the figure in in costume.



These kits came out in 2012, the Bat-Pod motorcycle and the companion figures from the Dark Knight series of Batman movies. These were in an appreciated 1/25 scale. I finished up the Bat-Pod for some contests this summer.



The Bat Pod build was more challenging than expected. Mostly this was due to the unusual design, different than a standard motorcycle. Both rubber tires are huge. The driver actually lays down over the fuel tank to drive, and his knees rest on pads alongside the engine. The foot pedals are perpendicular and far to the rear. The handlebars attach to the fork on the bottom. So for much of the build it is hard to tell if you are proceeding correctly, or which way is front or rear! There are cannons and machine guns attached to the front fork.

Colors used were Testors Semi Gloss Black and Aluminum sprays with some flat black details

and wash. The driver figure is from the figure set. It took some realignment of the arms to get them to position accurately



Since it does not stand up by itself I drilled a hole on the bottom and used a paper clip to attach to a wood base.



The huge flowing cape from the figure hides much of the detail in back.



The figure set includes two figures, one driving as well as a standing pose. These are rather basic, about eight parts to assemble. The driver figure needs to be put together over the Bat Pod while in progress to assure everything lines up.

Overall I was pleased with the results. There were some areas that needed touch up due mistakes caused by my unfamiliarity with the unique design so follow the directions carefully. This is a nice addition to my Batstuff collection, again thanks to Moebius for issuing these in 1/25 scale to go along with my earlier Batman models.



# IRON INVASION 2014



The Iron Invasion show took place October 4 at the Woodstock (IL) County Fairgrounds. This show features vintage customs, street rods and rat rods along with lots of vendors and other stuff. It is kind of a "lifestyle" event, lots of vintage clothing, Tiki and vintage art and music, plenty of beehive hair and tattoos. No North Face.



Surf Zombies



Pin Up Model



The weather this year was awful, in the 40's and raining so car count and attendance was a bit down.



But there was still a lot of neat stuff on display.



And I picked up a Tiki sculpture, surf music and some vintage shirts to get me in the mood for



my next surf project!







## 2014

October 25 Circle City Modelers 20th Annual Contest and Swap Meet  
511 E Thompson Rd, Indianapolis IN, 46227  
Theme: Fabulous Fifties  
Contest: Mike Marshall 317-847-4078 or Steve Shelton 317-504-9664

October 25 NORDICON 2014  
Northern Star Council Boy Scout Camp  
Fort Snelling MN  
[robertmaderich69@hotmail.com](mailto:robertmaderich69@hotmail.com)

Oct 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Nov 1 IPMS/Glue Crew 2014 Show  
Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center  
Wausau WI [www.thegluecrew.com](http://www.thegluecrew.com)

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

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

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

Nov 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Dec 7 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Model Cars Swap Meet  
with Model Car Contest  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI  
[www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com)  
[mkeminimotors@gmail.com](mailto:mkeminimotors@gmail.com)

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

## 2015

Feb 22 65th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 8 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest  
Jane Adams Comm.Center Cedarville IL  
Theme: Movie/TV Cars  
815-238-0634

April 11 Milwaukee NNL  
Hosted by AMG. Theme: Hemis  
Milwaukee, WI

April 30-May 3 GSL-XXV International Scale  
Vehicle Championship and Convention  
Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT  
[www.gslchampionship.org](http://www.gslchampionship.org)

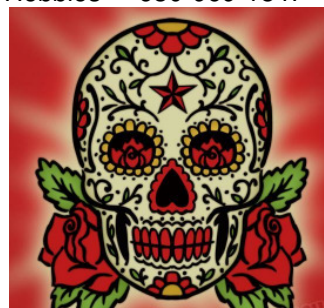
May 30 NIMCON 4  
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL

July 22-25 2014 IPMS/USA Nationals  
Columbus, OH

August 2 GTR Summer NNL 8  
Theme: 100 Years of Dodge  
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

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**Happy Birthday GTR!**  
**Fifteen Years, 1999-2014**

