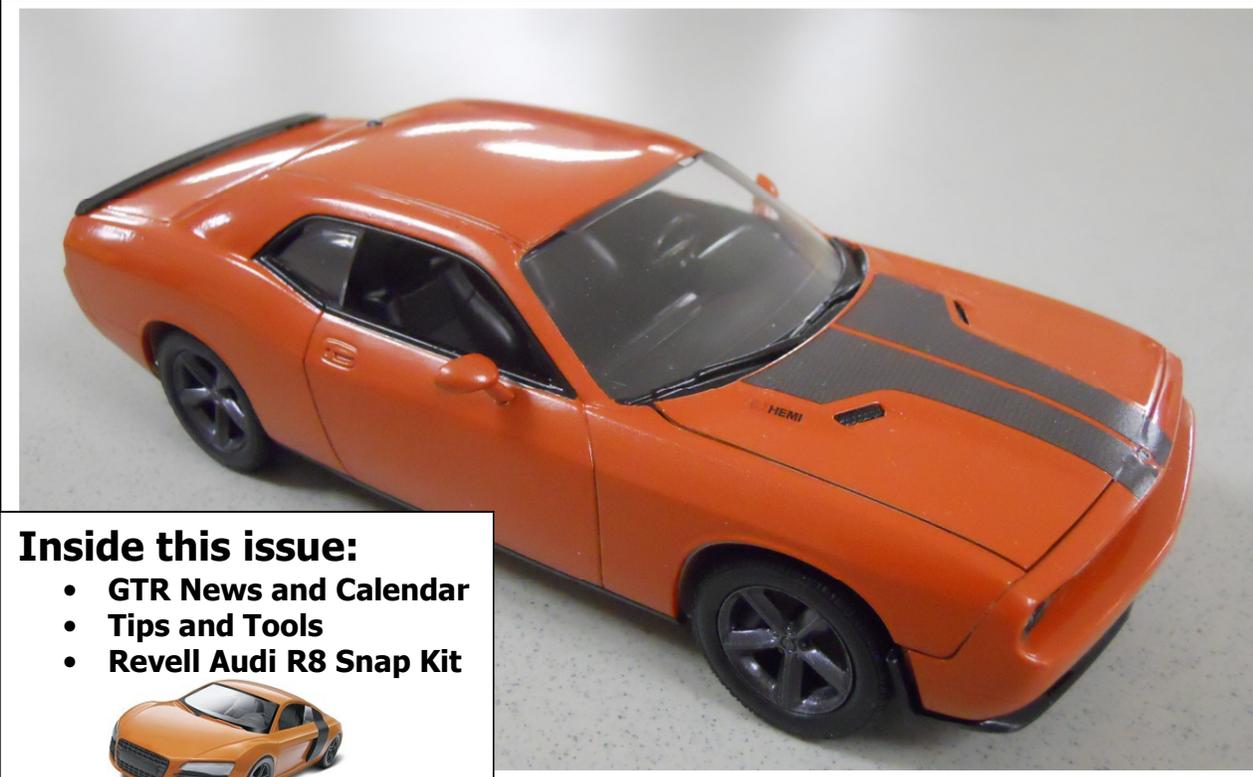




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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD

New Ford GT - Ganassi Racing to field Ford 2016 Le Mans Effort



Ford will build a new sports car that debuted at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. And Ford and Chip Ganassi's team will race the car at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2016, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the company's podium sweep of the race in 1966 with the Ford GT40. Ganassi Racing is expected to field a two-car GT-Le Mans entry for the entire TUSC season in 2016 as well as the Le Mans effort.



The GT will go on sale next year, powered by a twin-turbo Ecoboost V-6. The engine will easily make 600 horsepower in street form, but certainly would be choked down by at least 100 horses to make it legal for GT class racing.

NASCAR LOSING SPRINT SPONSORSHIP

NASCAR announced on December 17th that Sprint will not extend title sponsorship of the series beyond its current contract, which expires after the '16 season. Sprint has been the title sponsor for NASCAR's top series since 2004, when Nextel signed a 10-year agreement for the Nextel Cup Series. The name changed to the Sprint Cup Series in 2008 following the corporate merger between Nextel and Sprint. That original 10-year deal was worth \$750 million. Sprint agreed to a three-year extension that took the contract through 2016.

Mercedes 300SL found in Cuba

Automotive photographer Piotr Degler had heard rumors of a neglected Mercedes Gullwing in a remote stretch of Cuba. Since Degler

needed to find subject matter for his upcoming 2015 automotive calendar, *Carros de Cuba*, over the course of a month he searched high and low for the car and traveled more than 1,800 miles. With only a few days left on the island, Degler stumbled upon the decrepit Mercedes, and his efforts are documented in these phenomenal photographs – one of 12 cars showcased in his calendar.



Most other internet posts on this say it is too far gone to be restored, but you never know....



New LeMans Nissan

Some photos of the new Nissan LeMans prototype have surfaced on the internet. It appears to be a front engine design (like the old Panoz) and possibly front wheel drive? Both are highly unusual features. The official launch was to be on a Super Bowl commercial.



INDUSTRY NEWS

Greenfield Hobbies Closing

Greenfield News & Hobby Shop, in Greenfield (Milwaukee, WI) is closing its doors. Owner Jay Gordon is retiring and apparently could find no buyers for the business. The store has been a great shop for modelers as well railroading, RC, Slot Cars, paints, artist supplies, crafts, magazines and newspapers.

The sale for the store will begin on Feb 4th, 2015, with a closing date by the end of March.



Revell Make and Take at Detroit Auto Show

Ford and Revell cooperated in giving away limited-edition F-150 Raptor model kits at the Ford stand at the 2015 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. This is the new Revell snap kit, the Build and Play series Raptor. Last year Revell and Ford did the same thing with the new 2015 Mustang kit, which became Revell's bestselling model in 2014 once the kit was released. The SnapTite model of the Ford F-150 Raptor goes on sale this June.

Revell First Generation VW Golf Kits



Since last month's notice of the Revell Germany release of the all new Gen 1 Golf tooling, we have word that Revell US is planning to issue the kit as the VW Rabbit in late February.

Revell Germany 2015 Announcements

Revell Germany has announced some interesting new tooling kits for 2015. First are three Germany sports cars in 1/24 scale:



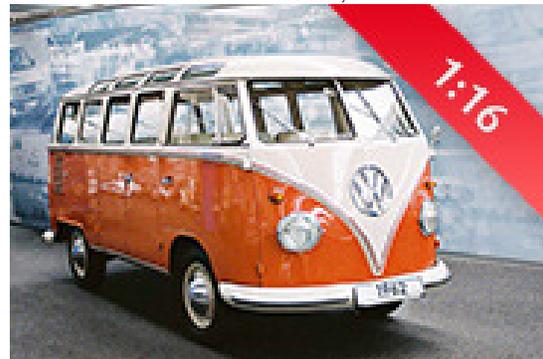
BMW i8 Product number:07008



Porsche 918 Spyder Product number:07026



Porsche 918 Weisbach Sport Version Product:07026
And in 1/16 scale a VW Microbus,



VW Type 2 T1 Samaba Bus Product number:07009

Special Edition Trabant



Trabant 601S Universal 25 Jahre Mauerfall #80-2014 LIMITED EDITION!

The Trabant, produced by in East Germany, has achieved cult status and unexpectedly has become a collectible auto in recent times. One exceptionally rare Trabant was created in October 2014 to mark the 25th anniversary of German reunification. Artists from the Leipzig Graffiti Association decorated the car with scenes depicting the Fall of the Wall, and it was auctioned off to benefit the German Children's Cancer Aid charity. Revell Germany will issue a limited edition reissue kit with this special artwork.

EVENTS

The annual Rockford Wheels in Scale Swap, scheduled for 1/25, was cancelled for 2015.

The winter Wheaton Swap event at the DuPage County Fairgrounds will be February 22.

The Ferrari Expo at Continental Motorsports in Hinsdale will be March 21. GTR will be there!

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. I will add more 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 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. We had enough, and we have received the official 2015 membership stamp. 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.

IPMS Calendar

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa.org.



Sep 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO
2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia, South Carolina



News

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. We will have copies of the 2015 GTR Club Calendar for sale; the cost is \$10 to members. Since these are printed to order please let me know several days in advance of the meeting if you would like to buy one.

We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you wish to buy any.

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

2015 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

In 2015 GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 2, at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 100 Years of Dodge. We are now accepting trophy sponsorships and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.

2015 GTR Club Project: 100 Years of Dodge



The 2015 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 100 Years of Dodge. Finish a model of a Dodge between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me by August 2 2015 and your 2015 dues will be refunded!

We have two completed projects already. In December Dave Green brought in his Don Garlits Doge Challenger. And this month Steve Jahnke brought in his Revell 2010 Challenger snap kit. (see the cover photo). So get going planning and building your club project kit!

January GTR Meeting

The January GTR regular meeting was held on Saturday, 1/3/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion we went over the 2014 Year End Treasury Report (still in

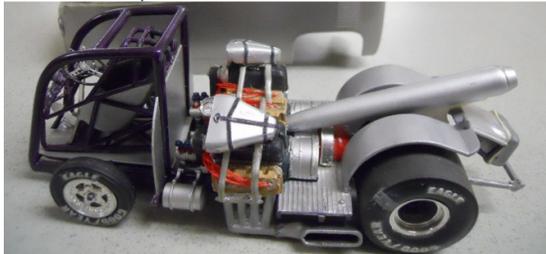
the black). Then we started taking 2015 dues, sold some 2015 calendars that Steve had brought in (thanks Steve nice job) and approved GTR tables at several events, the Rockford show January 25 (*sorry we did not have confirmation of this in time for the January newsletter, but it ended up canceled after all*), the Wheaton show on Feb 22 and the Cedarville show on March 8.

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

Dave Green brought in a VW drag car, highly modified with two blown drag engines and



lots of extra parts added to the base kit.



Also his usual stash of new stuff and recent buys.



Especially interesting is his IMC Chaparral 2E, an original issue kit still shrink wrapped!



Also, two Christmas ornaments.

And this Polar Lights Willys carton car.



Chuck Herrmann: a VW surf van, from the old Monogram Firebomb kit.



And a restoration project, a custom AMT Black Force body with a Monogram 41 Lincoln front end, bought at the Wheaton swap last year.



Dave Edgecomb had some 1/35 military stuff (at least they have four rubber tires!), contemporary MRAP US vehicles.



MRAP means Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected. These are nicely detailed Chinese kits by Kinetic and Panda.



George Pritzen showed a 1/24 diecast Coca-Cola delivery truck and



a Revell repainted Camaro kit



Steve Jahnke brought in a completed Revell snap 2010 Dodge Challenger for the GTR club project (also see the cover)



Also he had another Revell Challenger, the new pre-painted kit, and



finally a few older kits, Koenig versions of Ferraris, a Mercedes and a Porsche.



Tips & Tools

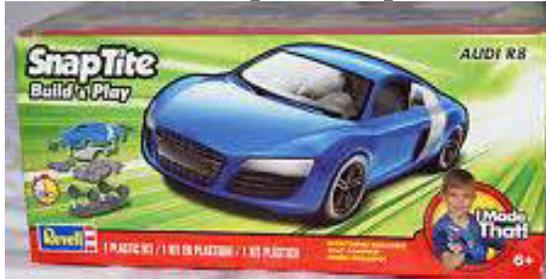
All club members as well as all GTR newsletter and Facebook fans are welcome to submit ideas and photos of tools, products and techniques other car modelers might find of interest.



Last meeting George Pritzen shared his find, this thin craft beading wire that is useful for wiring models, available at craft stores for about \$5.



Revell Audi R8 Build and Play Snap Kit



Description: 2014 Audi R8
Mfg: Revell **Kit:**85-1687 **Scale:** 1/24
By: Chuck Herrmann

This Audi R8 is another of Revell's Snap Tite Build and Play model kits aimed at young or beginner modelers, like the 2015 Mustang used at Make and Takes like the Detroit Auto Show. This type of kit has been a popular seller, so look for more this year. For a quick build project I decided to do this kit even though I am neither young nor a beginner. Let's see how the finished product can look.

These are similar to a disassembled promo, with about 15 pieces. The body comes molded in color, with lots of pre-painted details. I picked the orange version of this car, it stands out better than a dark color and the contrast with the semi-gloss black side panel is more obvious. The plastic is molded in a metallic burnt orange, with minimal mold lines and few swirl marks. The black side body panels, black front grill and rear vents as well as the exhaust ports are all pre-painted. It polished up nicely; obviously a new paint job would be better but my example works as a shelf model. The glass comes with the black trim already applied. I wish all kits came with this feature! (What version of any car would not be correct without the trim? Which is tricky to apply nicely.) The taillights are separate clear red pieces, the front headlights are pre attached to the body and are very basic, lacking the LED detail of the real thing.



The interior including the engine compartment is one piece molded in black with silver valve covers painted on. I wanted to avoid the black hole effect of an all dark interior so I painted the seats and floor Radome Tan with a wash for detail, which matched some internet photos. Also I picked out some dash and console details with silver.



In the engine bay, visible through the rear glass, I found internet photos of different options including the red on the block, and added some metallic colors to the various piping to add some interest. I think it was enough to show off the molded in details.



I did paint the body trim around the rear window and the top of the hood near the windshield wipers. Also I dropped a bit of black into the exhaust tips, which are hollowed out at the end. And I did add some brakes from the spares box as there are none in the kit.



And that's it! This kit produces a nice looking piece with minimal effort. Adding brakes and maybe side mirrors is an easy enhancement. And if you strip off the paint details and paint it, along with few details you can get a decent curbside.



Revell Porsche 911 Turbo Reissue



Description: Porsche 911 Turbo
Mfg: Revell **Kit:**85-4330 **Scale:** 1/24

by: Rich Wilson

reprinted from Jan MMA Sez Newsletter of the Maryland Automotive Modelers Assoc.

This, of course, is a reissue of a kit that I gather came out around '88 and with 87 pieces, isn't over-run with parts like other Porsche kits. As nicely done as those kits are, they have a parts count that is very intimidating. The one I built took years for me to finally open the box and start building it. And in the end I think it suffered because it was overly complicated. All of that has no real bearing on this kit except that a builder should not avoid a kit because of part count. Most of our enjoyment comes from making the kit more than what is in the box. I haven't built this kit yet, but I bet in the end it will be better than that enthusiast kit. And don't let the 'so-so' box-art steer you away from the kit either. For one thing, the color chosen for the body isn't even close to a factory color, but it is cleanly built. The parts in the box are generally well done, it's just the constraints the box art builder had to work under that makes it look a little plain. It doesn't jump out and grab you and say 'you need to buy me now.'

I've never been a Porsche fan (1:1) mainly because I think they are very overpriced. Considering all the safety and environmental laws, I'm amazed Porsche was able to sell a car as wild as these were. I was confused for quite some time until I finally found out that the "930" designation was not by the factory, but an unofficial one. For those interested it got 15/20 (city/highway) mpg. On opening the box, the first thing that jumps out at you is the chromed engine; all of it. Even if the builder sprays it with clear flat it won't look right. It'll need to be stripped then painted appropriately.

Engine: It represents the 3.4 liter/201.5 cubic inch engine that develops 282 hp at 5500 rpm without the turbo boost. As I just said, it's worst feature is the chrome, beyond that the engraving is very good. There's only 10 pieces to it, and it may be a little overly simplified, but proper

painting should really make it pop. The transaxle looks great with all of the reinforcing ribs all over it. There are separate half-shafts with rubber boots on the ends. The turbo is really small, but that's what made the car so fast; there's little or no lag.

Chassis: Since the car has a unit body, it's really more like a belly pan, but the engraving looks correct. The front suspension doesn't lack in detail with its four parts, it's a McPherson strut type and therefore has fewer parts. And due to the transaxle assembly, the rear suspension with its' eight pieces is reasonably done.

Tires/wheels: This is where I have a problem. The wheels are nicely done, and with a touch of detail painting will really come alive. But even with my limited Porsche knowledge, I clearly remember them having wider tires in the rear than the front. So I did a 'Google' search for 911 Turbo specs, and after several let downs was able to finally determine that they did, in fact, come with 225/50 VR-16 tires in front and 245/45VR-16 in the rear. Revell gives us the same tires as their Ford Thunderbird kit of the same era, only now without the recessed lettering. All four are the same and are too tall and just don't look right. The builder will need to find replacements for these for a better, more accurate build.

Interior: It's the tub type, but has separate door panels. Parts include steering column with two stalks and correct steering wheel. There is a center console and correct shifter and handbrake. The front seats are nicely done in two pieces each with backs only for the rear since the bottoms are cast in the tub. The dash is nicely done and gets five decaled gauges. And lastly, there is a separate storage shelf.

Body: It is very well proportioned and very thin. The whale tail trunk is two-piece with open louvers in the upper piece. It has no hinge, just two pins to hold it from sliding off. The windows are packaged in their own baggy (*thank you*) and in two pieces. There's the windshield with vent wings and the rear window with defogger lines and all the side windows. The nose and tail pieces are separate as is the rear bumper with it's ugly over-riders. The lights are clear or clear red with a decal for the taillight trim. Three windshield wipers for front and back and separate unchromed door handles pretty much finishes it up.

Decals: Besides those already mentioned there are comparatively few which is refreshing in that there are none of a graphic nature. There are badges for the wheels, steering wheel and trunk lid. Also included are decals for the rear wheel opening flares and the jack holes. There are seven labels for under the hood or on the engine and two brochure covers. And let's not forget the "Turbo" for the engine hood.



GTR Event Calendar

Feb 7 18th Annual Hope It Don't Snow Show
hosted by IPMS/Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers
Ramada Hotel & Con. Center, Rochester MN
Chris Krco 507-254-4646

Feb 14-22 Chicago Auto Show
McCormack Place, Chicago IL
www.chicagoautoshow.com

February 22 Daytona 500 NASCAR

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

March 7 IPMS/Madcity Modelers Model Show
Doubledays, Cottage Grove (Madison) WI
[Rob Teubert](#) 608-295-9258

March 8 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest
Jane Adams Community Center Cedarville IL
Theme: Haulers
Scott Baldauf 815-238-0634

March 21 Sebring 12 Hours Sebring FL

March 21 37th Annual Ferrari Literature, Art &
Model Expo
CONTINENTAL AUTO SPORTS, Hinsdale IL
youareawinner@earthlink.net

Mar 22 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 31 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 11 Milwaukee NNL
Hosted by AMG Theme: HEMIs
Family Centers of Excellence, Waukesha, WI
Info email: Scott Koch scottiekl@charter.net or
Mike Dowd mdowd@wi.rr.com

April 30-May 3 GSL-XXV International Scale
Vehicle Championship and Convention
Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT
www.gslchampionship.org

May 2 35th Annual HMCA Swap and Model Car
Contest by Hoosier Model Car Association
Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis IN
Duane Tripp DCT213@aol.com

May 17 15th NNL North Show & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

May 24 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

May 30 NIMCON 4
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920

June 13-14 24 Hours of LeMans FR

July 22-25 2014 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbus, OH
www.ipmsusa.org

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

Sep 27 66th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

OCT 18 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 10 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnson's Conf Center, Wausau WI
2101 North Mountain Road Map
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy
Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



Glue & Plastic

Happy Valentine's Day

