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GTR's Rick Hannah's 1968 Plymouth GTX Silver Streak on display at the Milwaukee NNL 23

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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD

Delta Wing GT Project



The next step in the Delta Wing concept will be to design and build a DeltaWing GT concept. It will be designed to demonstrate that with far less horsepower than many of today's best sports cars, a two-seat performance car based on the DeltaWing architecture would deliver the same performance, yet with previously unimagined fuel economy and efficiency. Expected to appear in 2015, this new DeltaWing Racing Cars project is a major step toward a street-legal two-seat DeltaWing sports car.

The DeltaWing design in the prototype roadster and coupe features a very narrow front track and conventional rear wheelbase. The result is a significant reduction in overall mass and weight coupled with an aerodynamic efficiency gain. The rear-engine layout and narrow track design provides a 30 percent/70 percent front-to-rear weight distribution, which allows engineers to use much smaller steering, braking, suspension, and other components up front to reduce overall mass and weight. Less mass and weight means less horsepower is needed to propel the vehicle, which in turn decreases fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Other benefits include reduced front tire and brake wear and less rolling resistance.

INDY Aero Kit Update



Last issue I mentioned the new aero kits to be used in the IndyCar series this year. This complicated bodywork caused a lot of commotion at the season-opening race at St. Petersburg FL. Accidents created a lot of debris and prolonged yellow flag periods, affecting the racing. And one of the Aero Kit pieces that came off a car launched over the fence and injured a spectator. Hopefully these issues can be corrected as the season moves forward.

Porsche to Honor First LeMans Overall Winner

After numerous victories in the lower categories at the 24 Hours of LeMans, Porsche won the race overall for the first time in 1970. The Porsche 917 of Hans Herrmann and Richard Attwood was the winning car.



To commemorate the 25th anniversary of this achievement, one of the three factory Porsche 919s running this year will carry the red and white colors of the 1970 winner.



No Grid Girls for WEC! Or LeMans!



A trademark of the pre-race grid and paddock is the scantily-clad and sometimes provocatively dressed women who represent the sponsors and teams. But in 2015 these women will be absent from the grid of the FIA-run World Endurance Championship and therefore the LeMans 24 Hours! Grid girls are just another aspect of pre-race festivities to many race fans, a fixture in many forms of motorsport, especially those

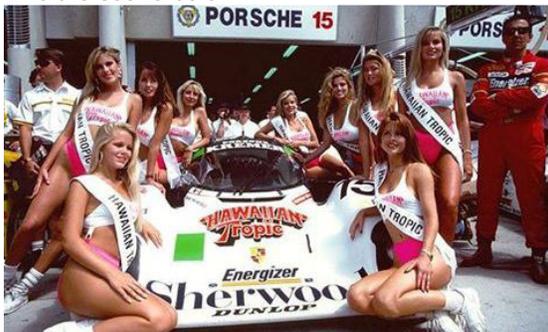
based in Europe. While not politically correct in this era, especially as the number of female drivers increases, many fans will miss this tradition. So far IMSA in the US has not followed this trend in the TUDOR United Sportscar Racing Championship.



Grid Girls are so popular, especially the Hawaiian Tropic girls, that they have been modeled in scale to pose next to the race car models.



Like the scene below



MEDIA

DeNiro to portray Enzo Ferrari in Major Motion Picture!

(from motorsport.com)

Hollywood superstar Robert De Niro has revealed that he is to play Enzo Ferrari in a big-budget biopic of the legendary Italian marque founder. De Niro has announced that this project will have his top priority, and that production will begin soon. The film, which will

be produced in Italy, is expected to be released in 2016.

The New York-born actor – star of *Raging Bull*, *The Deer Hunter*, *Taxi Driver*, *Goodfellas* and *Cape Fear* – is now 71. He will play Enzo Ferrari, who founded the famous manufacturer in 1947 and died in 1988, aged 90. His team, Scuderia [Ferrari](#), has been active since 1929 – first running Alfa Romeos – and went on to win a record 16 Formula 1 Constructors' titles since 1950.

"For me it is an honour and a joy to tell the life of an extraordinary man who revolutionized the automotive world and across historical periods," said De Niro.

The film will be produced by former photographer Gianni Bozzacchi, owner of Triworld Cinema, in collaboration with De Niro's Tribeca Enterprises concern.

"The film will be titled *Ferrari* and will be based on an epic story," said Bozzacchi, "It will have a high budget and will cover a wide span – from 1945 to the eighties in a twisted game of eras and episodes." Clint Eastwood has been approached to direct the film. De Niro has been linked to playing Ferrari as early as 1993, when he was expected to play the lead in a production directed by Michael Mann with a budget of \$65 million, but this fell through.

New Mad Max Movie

The fourth Mad Max movie, *Fury Road*, comes out this month, the first one without Mel Gibson.



I don't know much about the plot, but apparently it will be all action. From the internet photos and movie trailer the real stars may be the cars.



So maybe we can get some inspiration for future builds. I know I saw a VW on steroids in the trailer that may motivate me.



INDUSTRY NEWS

Airfix Quick Build VW Beetle



Airfix has announced another release in their Quick Build series, a VW Beetle. Kit J6015. I assume this also will be “box scale”. But it is a VW so I am sure to grab one when I see it.

New Tool Gull wing from Tamiya!



I was surprised to see this announcement from Tamiya, since their new auto kits have been far and few recently. But this classic Mercedes 300SL is brand new, a full detail kit, and it is already out.



Looks like a nice kit, but we have a firsthand review of the on the actual kit, as reported by Mike Poole (reprinted from the Austin (TX) Scale Modelers Assn April 2015 *Sprue Examiner*):

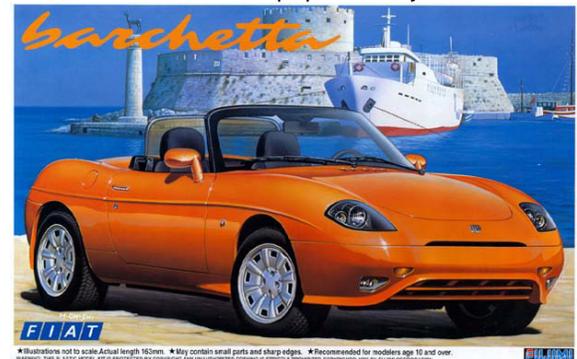
*I mentioned this first item back in February when Tamiya suddenly dropped a new kit out of the sky at Nuremberg. It's the **brand new tool** of*

the iconic Mercedes 300SL in 1/24th scale and I finally have my mitts on one. It's so good it has restored my faith in the modern plastic car kit. The part count is just right and all the important delicate details are expertly scaled and just beautiful. There is a complete space frame built up from individual pieces and a gorgeous interior with opening gullwing doors. There are decals for tiny under hood labels and even metal appliques for the trunk and side scripts.



As the photo proves (and yes, it's the kit), this thing can build into a stunning model and it's a great value at less than \$30! Fingers crossed it sells well prompting more new tools of these iconic classics.

Mike also noticed this repop from Fujimi:



While it never made it to American shores, the Fiat Barchetta (barque-ett-ah, meaning little boat in Italian) made a temporary splash across the sun-drenched shores of Southern Europe. I recall this fun little car was billed the European Miata. I always found that funny because the Miata was often billed the Japanese Lotus Elan! Fujimi has recently reissued their interpretation in 1/24th scale and while it's only a curbside (no engine) you can still build it and take a cruise down the St. Tropez beaches in your mind for about \$12. No sunscreen required.

Revell at Milwaukee NNL

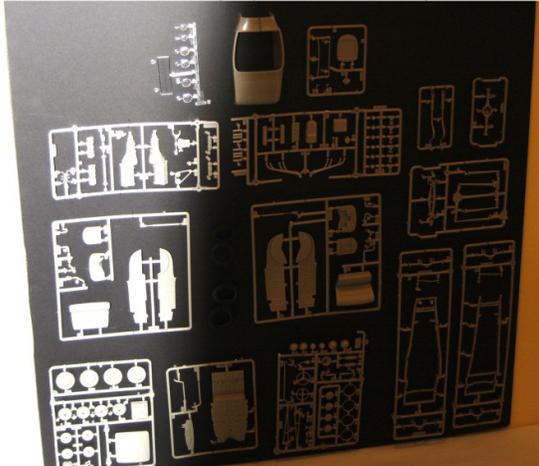
Revell-Monogram had a display table set up at the Milwaukee NNL last month which featured build ups of some of their latest releases. So modelers could get a close up look at some fresh plastic.



For the 1929 Ford Hot Rod kit, the box art models were there.



Also there was a display board of the sprues.



The test shot build for the new Corvette pre painted kit was there (see the GTR April Meeting photos)..



And the Revell Germany BMW i8 electric sports car was on display

EVENTS

This month NIMO 4 will take place at McHenry County College on May 30, earlier than previous years. Hosted by our fellow local IPMS chapter IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, this

is an all category model show with a large swap meet. The automotive categories are judged NNL style, by popular vote of the entrants; the other classes are traditional IPMS 1-2-3 in class. GTR is proud to sponsor the automotive trophies.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. 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.

As a member chapter of IPMS/USA I get to see a lot of other club newsletters. The April newsletter from the **Austin Scale Modelers Assn** provided the new kit reviews in our Industry News section. There was also an interesting article about a visit to Tamiya Corporate HQ in Japan.



Apparently at their gift shop you can purchase Tamiya bread! These items are actually part of a fundraising effort for the Japanese earthquake survivors.

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



GTR News

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. 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



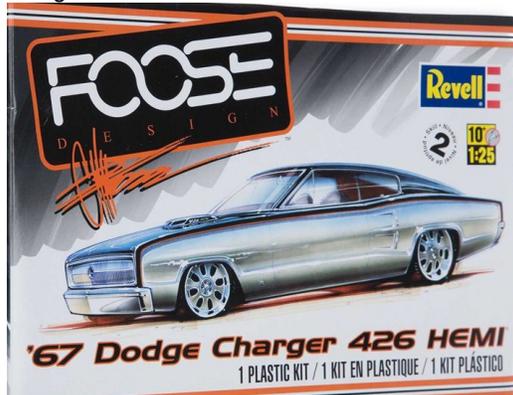
GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.

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.



See the inspiration photos above. An Airfix Dodge Charger? I assume that would be a challenge to build. 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!

April GTR Meeting

The April GTR regular meeting was held on Saturday, 4/4/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion we went over the Treasury Report, sold some 2015 calendars and talked about upcoming events. We

also tossed out the idea of new club T-shirts. Steve Jahnke will get a quote and report next month

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

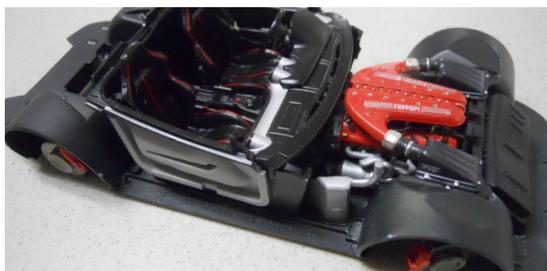
Dave Green brought in the new Revell Build & Play Ford Raptor pickup, painted in green, also



some newly released kits.



Gerry Paquette showed his Revell Germany Ferrari 599 SA Aperta in progress.



Also he showed his club Dodge project car, the Revell 1968 Dart kit to be built as a factory built customer drag racer.



George Pritzen picked up an AMT Dodge Viper kit at a garage sale to be used for the club project build.



Ed Sexton had the new Revell 2015 Corvette, a test shot for the pre painted kit coming out soon. This one he painted.



Also he had the new reissue of the 1/24 Bentley Blower kit from Revell Germany.



Mark Minter had three nicely built show rods on the table. First the Lil Coffin.



Also a Tweedy Pie and finally the



Ed Roth Outlaw.



Chuck Herrmann: A Tamiya Alfa Romeo GTV completed for the Ferrari Expo contest,



a Tamiya VW Golf glue bomb purchased at the Cedarville swap meet,



also a Paddy Wagon built up purchased at Cedarville and reassembled.



Dave Edgecomb: two purchases from the Ferrari Expo. First an Alfa Romeo Zagato kit by Heller.



And a diecast 1/24 Shelby Cobra



John Walczak displayed a Benny Parson NASCAR Chevy with Cady decals.



Milwaukee NNL 23

The 23rd Annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by the Automotive Modelers Group, was held April 11, 2015 in Waukesha, WI.



GTR was there with a club display table.



There was the usual great turnout as over 770 models were on display.



All categories and interests were well represented, from foreign



To rat rods, even go karts!



The MPC race transporter.



Scenes from the Winnebago Modelers display diorama, again winner of the Best Club Display.

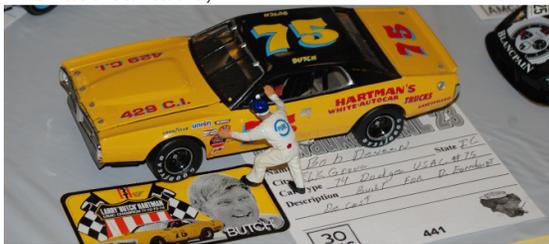




A resin phantom Aero Mercury NASCAR.



The race car table,



A Filipino jitney cab.





Crowded tables made it hard to soak it all in – sensory overload!



Best AMG Club Theme – Modifieds, won by Scott Koch



The Theme was Hemi, winner was this Dodge Charger from Rod Maskiw from Winnipeg Canada!



Here is the 1968 Plymouth GTX, the Silver Streak, by GTR's own Rick Hannah that is also on the cover.

Thanks, AMG for another great event!
 Next year's show will be April 9, 2016.
 Theme is 100th Running of the Indy 500
 Subtheme: Other cars that Raced at Indy

Waukesha Swap Meet

It is a tradition that the day after the Milwaukee NNL on Saturday night the Spring Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet and Racing Memorabilia Show takes place on Sunday at the Waukesha County Expo Center.



GTR had a club table in the vendor room. The turnout was very good, there was a line to get in at the 10:00 start and business was pretty good.



Besides the models in the back room there were some real race cars on display and several tables of racing memorabilia.



There was a 1970 Plymouth Superbird stock car as driven by Ramo Stott.



Also this restored 1948 Kurtis Kraft KK2000 Sparks, driven in the 1948 Indy 500 by Hal Cole and by Jack McGrath in 1949.

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.

DuPont's Model Glue

By Chuck Herrmann

While looking for something in my Dad's old tool room at my parent's house recently I found this old tube of model glue. DuPont Model Cement.



It must be at least 25 years old. I don't know why it was there, as my dad was not into modeling. Maybe it was left over from when I or one of my brothers was a young modeler. Anyway, it is still soft, I tried some and it still works!



This is not a brand I was aware of. A quick internet search turned up no results. However, the DuPont Corporation still offers a plastic modeling cement, Duco Plastic Model Cement. I have not used it so I can only assume it is similar to other tube cements.



GTR Event Calendar

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

Aug 8-9 Road America IMSA Tudor Sports Car Championship

AUG Brickyard 400 NASCAR
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

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. 10 NNL Nationals 36
Toledo NNL Theme: Demolition Derby

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
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

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

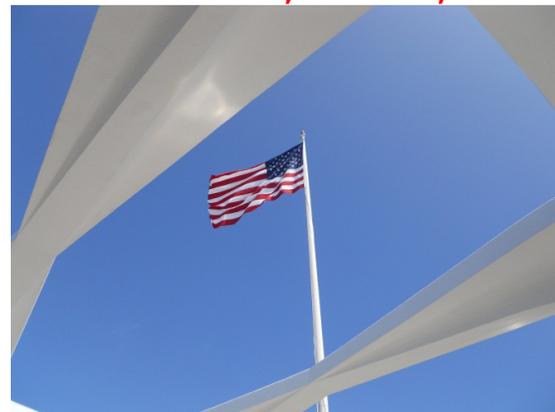
Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

Happy Memorial Day



War Memorial, Honolulu, HI



US Flag above the USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor Hawaii