



# GTR Newsletter August 2015



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# GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

## MEDIA

### TOP GEAR Changes

The BBC has announced that radio DJ Chris Evans will be the new host for the TV show *Top Gear*, following the contentious firing of popular host Jeremy Clarkson. Meanwhile, Clarkson has confirmed he will return to TV with a new car show with former *Top Gear* cohosts Richard Hammond and James May. Rumors are that it will move to Netflix. The new show will probably debut sometime after next March.

(EXTRA: apparently there are some legal issues, timing may be delayed...)

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Moebius Models 1971 Ford Ranger Pickup Kit



The 71 Ranger pickup truck kit, an all new mold by Moebius, is now available. This is a full detail kit. We saw several examples of this new tooling at our meeting.

### TAMIYA kits first Toyota

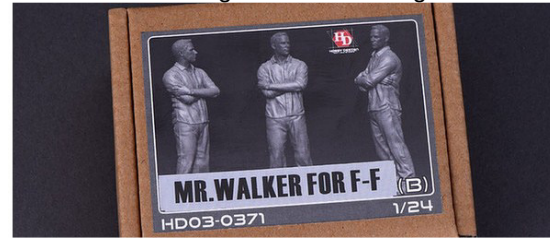


### Toyota Model AA Item No: 24339 1/24

Released in 1936, the Model AA was the maiden production car of the firm now known as Toyota Motor Corporation. Features included a front 3.4-liter inline-6 engine, synchromesh clutch 3-speed transmission and hydraulic brakes. 1,404 were manufactured until 1942. Tamiya's new kit is a full detail design and includes a driver figure.

## New 1/24 Figures

To help display your completed models there are several new offerings of 1/24 scale figures.



Hobby Design has released a series of *Fast & Furious* Figures in 1/18 and 1/24. The 1/24 set goes for about \$22.



Red Zebra has released a male construction figure in 1/24 scale. Cost is 9 EURO.



[www.redzebramodels.co.uk](http://www.redzebramodels.co.uk)

## ICM Ford Factory Worker Figures

ICM has issued a set of three 1/24 Henry Ford & Co. workers. I assume these are companion pieces for their recent series of 1912 Ford Model T kits in 1/24. Figures # 24003. Cost is 8 EURO.





## Model Hiro 1/12 Ferrari P4



This 1/12 Ferrari P4 Spyder by Model Factory Hiro can make the iconic 1967 Daytona winner also there are LeMans and Targa Florio versions. It carries a Ferrari like cost of about \$600+.

## New Pocher 1/4 Scale Motorcycle



The model consists of more than 600 parts made of an assortment of materials including metal, rubber and premium quality plastic. Most of the parts are simply screwed. Wheels, transmission chain, front and rear suspension, brake and clutch levers are all Ducati Superbike 1299 Panigale S

## REAL WORLD

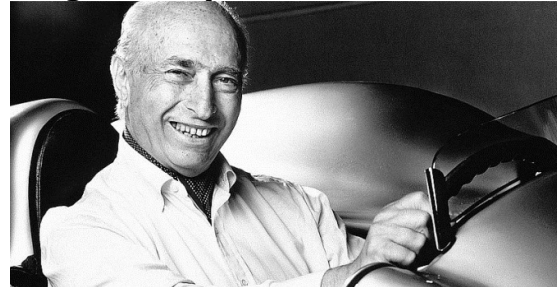
### Ford GT 2016 Racing Program

At the LeMans 24 Hours in France, Ford confirmed the rumors. In 2016 the 50th anniversary of the brand's one-two-three finish in the 1966 24 Hours of Le Mans, they will return with a four-car, factory-backed effort featuring the new GT, racing in the LM GTE Pro class, with teams fielded by Chip Ganassi Racing with Felix Sabates.



Ford will race two GTs in full-season campaigns in both the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship and the FIA World Endurance Championship. No word yet on who the drivers will be. The first look at the new GT race car will come at the season-opening Rolex 24 at Daytona on Jan. 30-31, 2016.

## Fangio's Body to be exhumed!



The body of five-time Formula 1 World Champion Juan Manuel Fangio will be exhumed following the orders of a judge in Argentina for a paternity test. The news came just days before the 20th anniversary of Fangio's death, which happened on July 17 1995 when he was aged 84. He won the F1 world title in 1951 and then every year from 1954-57 despite a near-fatal crash at Monza in '52, he won his titles with Alfa Romeo, Maserati, Mercedes and Ferrari along with 24 Grand Prix victories.

Fangio is the subject of a lawsuit opened by a man who claims to be his son. While Fangio never married or had recognized children in his lifetime, he had a long relationship with a woman, Andrea Berruet, Espinoza's mother.

## EVENTS

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.

## 2015 8<sup>th</sup> 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. All the trophy sponsorships have been sold, thank you to all our supporters! We are still accepting raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support the event.

**IPMS-USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

## IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. 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 2015 IPMS National Convention in Columbus OH is taking place as I wrap up this edition. I will have details for next time. If you have never attended a National it is a BIG event over four days, thousands of world class models on the tables in all modeling categories. Also there is a giant vendor room and lots of seminars and programs. In 2016 it will be in Columbia, South Carolina, and we will find out where the 2017 event will be held at the Convention.

The 2015 Region 5 Convention will be next month in St. Louis, the 2016 event location and details should be announced soon.

## IPMS Calendar

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in Columbus, OH [www.ipmsusa.org](http://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 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.

## News

### GTR Update

The August regular GTR meeting date will be Saturday, August 1, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building. This is the night before our GTR Summer NNL so we will have a somewhat abbreviated regular meeting, then set the room up for the show. All help is appreciated.

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.

**T-Shirts:** We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you wish to buy any. We now have new club T-shirts for 2015. They feature the large GTR logo on the

front, in either black or gray – see the photo of Steve modeling one. The cost will be \$10 to GTR members. If you ordered one you can pick it up next meeting in time to wear at the NNL. We did order a few extras so you can get one while they last.

## New 2015 GTR Club T-Shirts



## 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! Still a little time to finish your club project! Or to bring it in if you have not done so yet

The latest completed club project build is this MPC 1966 Dodge Monaco by John Walczak.





Also, Gerry Paquette has completed his Dart drag car (see meeting pictures) and I just wrapped up the Joker Goon Car Dodge Monaco! Will we see a few more by the Summer NNL?

Ron Spannraft has sent us photos from Arizona of several 1/32 Dodge stock cars, built up as USAC racers.



## The Dodge Brothers

*Here is some background for the theme for our 2015 GTR Summer NNL, as compiled from various websites:*

Henry Ford and his Model T is probably the most well known early American automotive success. However, the Dodge Brothers of Detroit, Michigan, are in many ways responsible for Ford's success, which eventually led to their own success in the automotive industry, and made for the brothers a vast personal fortune.



Horace and John Dodge  
via Chrysler Group

The Dodge family traces their American heritage back to 1629 in America. In the 1850s, Ezekiel

Dodge ran a successful machine shop on the banks of the St. Joseph River in Niles, Michigan. A good machinist, he and his wife Anna had thirteen children. Son Daniel took over the business when the time came. Daniel had three children, the boys were John Francis born in 1864, and Horace in 1868.

The Dodge family moved to Detroit, Michigan, in 1886. Horace was a gifted mechanic while John was a skilled financier. In 1887, Horace created a dirt-proof ball bearing, and John procured financial backing for a company to manufacture the first Dodge vehicle, a bicycle featuring the ball bearing. The bicycle was manufactured under the Evans & Dodge brand. Modest profits from this venture allowed them to open a machine shop in 1901.

Ransom Eli Olds, father of the Oldsmobile, wanted the best machinists to manufacture his car parts so in 1902 he contracted with the Dodge Brothers to make transmissions for his curved-dash Oldsmobile. The Dodge Brothers started small and later expanded to meet higher demand.

While the Dodge Brothers were perfecting their machining and business skills, Henry Ford was trying to develop a successful car and car company. After meeting Henry Ford, the Dodge Brothers were so impressed by Ford and his proposition that they risked their business future on a contract with him. Under the terms of the contract with Ford, Dodge would receive all of Ford's assets if Ford went bankrupt, as he had before in other ventures. The reason this was included in the contract was because Ford needed money to launch his car, money that he didn't have. The Dodges agreed to give Ford the \$7,000 worth of automobile parts and \$3,000 in cash that he needed in return for a ten-percent stake in Ford Motor Company. The brothers didn't know this, but they would eventually make millions of dollars from that initial investment.

Dodge manufactured every part of the Ford car except for the buckboard wooden seats and the rubber tires. The first Ford sold for \$850, at which time Henry Ford only had left \$223.65 in his bank account, and was almost bankrupt. However, cash flow went only one direction after that first sale, and that direction was up. Dodge received \$10,000 in stock dividends the first year. Ford stock would eventually pay out millions more to them as the Dodge Brothers profited handsomely twice: once by selling Ford the parts he needed to manufacture his car, and again by owning stock in his prospering company.

In 1914 Henry Ford finished his River Rouge manufacturing plant in Detroit. Its completion meant that he didn't need Dodge to manufacture parts for his cars any more. So the Dodge Brothers, who knew all of the Model T's weaknesses, set out to build their own car to

compete with it. Dodge had suggested several improvements to the Model T along the way, which Ford refused. The Dodge car, which they'd build in their own factory, would include all of these improvements. They would also use their profit from their dealings with Ford as well as dividends of the Ford stock they still owned to bankroll the new company.

On July 15, 1914, the Dodge Brothers made their last Ford part. The Dodge Brothers name was synonymous with quality, and the announcement that they would build their own car was well received. Dodge Brothers was formed with \$5 million in common stock. Later that year, on November 14, the first Dodge car rolled off the assembly line. It was better than the Model T in every way, but was only \$100 more.

Ford was not happy that the dividends he paid to Dodge were being used to bankroll his competition, so in 1916 he announced that he would stop paying dividends to all shareholders. It hurt Dodge because they counted on the money to finance their company. The Dodge Brothers sued and got an appropriate \$19 million in back dividends. By 1919 the Dodge brothers decided to sell their Ford stock anyway. Dodge received \$12,500 per share for 2,000 shares. The Dodges received \$25 million from the sale of their Ford stock.

In two decades they built a \$200 million joint venture. The brothers made so much money from their dealings with Ford that business historians now consider it the most profitable investment in the history of American commerce.

While attending the 1920 New York Auto Show, Horace fell ill with pneumonia. John rushed to his bedside where he caught pneumonia almost immediately and died ten days later. Horace lingered on for a few more months and then died.

The brothers' wives inherited all of the company but decided not to sell right away. Its estimated net worth at the time of the brothers' deaths was \$60 million. The wives finally decided to sell the company in 1924 (one year before Chrysler formally took over and renamed Maxwell Motors), and the Wall Street firm Dillon, Read, & Co. purchased it for \$146 million in 1925. At the time of the transaction, it was the largest in history. Three years later in 1928, Dillon, Read, & Co. sold Dodge to Walter P. Chrysler, the head of Chrysler Corp. for \$170 million. This was just in time for the Great Depression, which started after the Great Stock Market Crash in October 1929. Many automobiles went bankrupt during the depression, but Chrysler was strong, and survived it. Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz merged in 1998 to form DaimlerChrysler, then split up in 2007, and now is part of the Fiat corporation, but Dodge is still alive today.



## July GTR Meeting

The June GTR regular meeting was held a week earlier than usual, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, on Saturday, 6/27/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. The meeting was well attended. During the business portion we went over the Treasury Report, discussed recent events and the upcoming IPMS Nationals, and talked about other hobby news. And we went over the latest status and plans for the GTR Summer NNL.

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

**George Pritzen** brought in his 1/25 Dodge pickup that he is building as a Mad Max Road Warrior style truck with machine guns added to a scratchbuilt wood bed.



**Paul Heber** showed us his 1949 Ford drag car project, also some future race car projects like



the Revell Porsche GT-1 kit.



**John Walczak** brought in his completed club project 1966 Dodge Monaco (see the story above). He also had a recent buy, the JoHan AMX snap kit.





And a recent build of a 1961 Corvette kit by AMT.



Dave Green has some new stuff, the Round 2 AMT Tee Vee Buggy

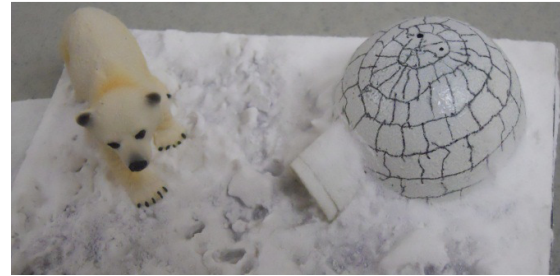


And this version of the new Mobius Ford pick up, the Model King 1969 short bed.



Chuck Herrmann had the Tamiya Porsche 962 completed, see cover photo and article.

Jim Brooks continues to dabble in non automotive stuff like this polar bear and igloo diorama.



Dave Edgecomb just received his 1/18 diecast 1971 Datsun 510, the BRE team Trans Am championship car.



This is the autographed special edition of this model, signed by both Pete Brock and John Morton.



Steve Jahnke had a Japanese Mad Max kit



And his latest new tool a Fiskars Hobby knife he really recommends.





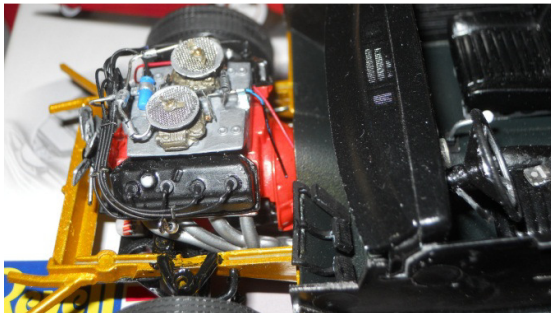
He also had some parts he just had rechromed by Bob's Paints, etc.



**Gerry Paquette** showed the progress on his club project kit, the 1968 Dart drag car, almost done at this point.



Lots of detail.



Gerry also had one of the first prerelease copies of the new Mobius Models 1965 Plymouth Satellite.



**Ed Sexton** brought in some new stuff from Revell. The box art builds for the Starsky and Hutch 1976 Ford Torino,



and the Revell Germany BMW i8



Also test shots of the upcoming Porsche 918.



Revell US will do one version of this kit.





# Building Tamiya's Porsche 962 Kit

**Description:** Porsche 962C  
**Mfg:** Tamiya **Kit:** Scale: 1/24  
**By:** Chuck Herrmann



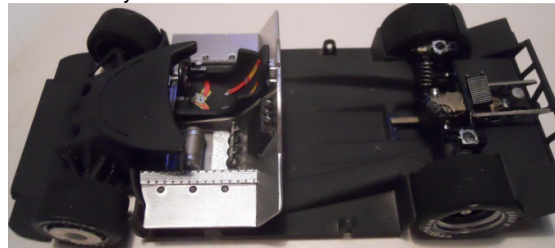
Those who know me know about my fixation with VW and Porsche subjects. I have built lots of these kits, but when I acquired this kit recently I realized I had not built the Tamiya version of the 962. I have done several Hasegawas, but not Tamiya. I had put off doing this kit due to complexity of the paint and markings, but a bargain find decal sheet at the IPMS National a couple years ago inspired me to finally go ahead.



This kit is actually the same mold used by Tamiya for a TamTech radio control car. So this is a simplified kit, a curbside design. It is molded in white, gray and black plastic. The biggest challenge is that the clear "glass" pieces are molded into the body. And there is no way to get them out for painting. Also the rear wing is molded into the side fins. This I was able to cut out so I could sand and paint it, not a major problem. Then it was time to paint, Tamiya provides masking for the clear parts (as well for the box art paint scheme). So I applied the masking, which worked rather well. Some clean up sanding was needed but not bad, then I applied Tamiya spray Lacquer (TS-26) Pure White over the white plastic.

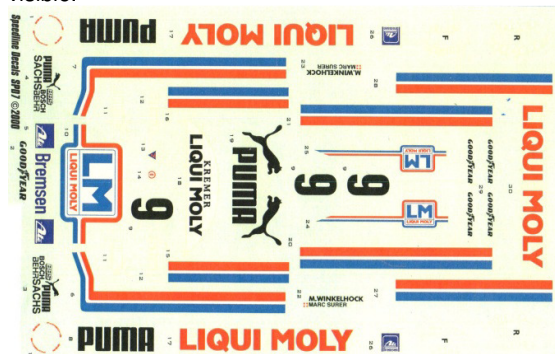


When you use masking, don't forget to mask underneath! I did, and paint got on the inside of the clear plastic. I first used mineral spirits to try to clean it, but it also attacked the plastic, cracking it and eventually loosening it so it came out! Oh well, I tried to put it together using Micro Crystal Clear, but the gap was too big so it still dried opaque. Luckily some decals go on the headlights so it is mostly covered up. I used rubbing alcohol on the other "glass" and that worked okay.



There is an interior; seat belts are on the decal sheet. There is also a lot of detail for the rear axle assembly which is covered up by the body. Wheels and tires are typical Tamiya, the front wheels have the aero discs molded in.

The body attaches to the chassis using four pins, again due to its RC legacy, as they can be removed to work on the electrics and batteries. I should have glued them in and filled them in as they are plainly visible.



The decals I used were by Speedline, they were old (marked 1990) but worked perfectly. They represent the 962 run by the Kremer team in 1985. I like this scheme as it looks kind of 80's retro and I don't think you will see many of these on contest or display tables. Tire marking are included, probably because the sheet is pre licensing frenzy.



To sum up, the molded in clear pieces make this a challenge to paint. Also the attachment pins are unusual, and the body seems to sit too high in the front. There are some molded in running lights on top of the roof I wish I had sanded off. Personally I prefer the Hasegawa version of the 962.

# 2015 GTR Summer NNL

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR  
Theme: 100 Years of  
Dodge

### Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Dodges

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 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.

<b>Classes:</b>		
<b>Competition Open Wheel</b>	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
<b>Competition Closed Wheel</b>	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
<b>Street</b>	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
<b>Custom</b>	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
<b>Commercial</b>	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
<b>Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Curbside</b>	All scales	All types
	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
<b>Out of the Box</b>	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
<b>Theme: 50 Years Of Dodge</b>	All scales, all types	Any vehicle produced by or sold as a Dodge No Plymouths or Chrysler please
<b>Chris Ducey Memorial Award</b>	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
<b>Tim Leicht People's Choice Award</b>	Any model in the contest	

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# GTR Event Calendar

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



## SUMMER NNL8

Aug 8-9 Road America IMSA Tudor Sports Car  
Championship  
Elkhart Lake, WI

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/Gateway  
Holiday Inn Rt 66, St Louis MO  
Doug Barton 314-610 2429

Sep 12 Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories  
Meadowdale Raceway Park, Carpentersville IL



7th Annual  
**MEADOWDALE,  
MOTORSPORTS  
& MEMORIES**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015**  
RAIN OR SHINE

**SHOW CAR REGISTRATION 8:30 – 10:00 AM**  
Open to classic, race and cars of special interest  
(\$15 PER SHOW CAR REGISTRATION FEE)

(\$10.00 Pre-registration – earlier entrance - information available online)

**CAR SHOW 10 AM – 3 PM**  
Trophies will be awarded at 2:00 pm

This year's event will celebrate the  
50th Anniversary of  
The Porsche 912 &  
The Shelby Mustang  
The Beauty of Corvette  
and all race and street cars of interest

Show Cars: Route 31 Silo Entrance to Raceway Woods  
(approx. 1.5 mile north of Rte. 72)

Spectator Parking: Route 31 Original Raceway Entrance  
(across the street from 222 N Western Ave. (IL Route 31) in Carpentersville)

*Transportation to car show from the parking lot available*

Don't miss the "After the Show" dinner featuring  
a panel discussion with those that were there!  
Details available at website

Contact us for more information on how to be a  
sponsor, vendor, volunteer or to showcase your car club

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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 10 IPMS/Glue Crew  
Howard Johnson's Conf Center, Wausau WI  
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 18 Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Oct 24 NordicCon 2015  
Fort Snelling, MN  
Tim Streeeter 952-378-0828

Oct 25 US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas  
Austin, Texas

November 1 Mexican GP  
Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Nov 7 IPMS/Butch O'Hare  
Lakeview Jr. High, Downers Grove IL  
John Bishop 630 880-4905  
[www.butchoharemodelers.com](http://www.butchoharemodelers.com)

Nov 14 Winnebago Area Model Classic  
La Sures Hall, Oshkosh WI  
WAMClassic@gmail.com  
<http://wamclassic.wix.com/wamc>

Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI  
[www.milwaukeeinimotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeinimotors.com)

