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GTR Summer NNL 8 Coverage

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John Walczak 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona

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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

MEDIA

TOP GEAR Update

Former Top Gear presenters Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May will be reunited in a new show after signing a deal with Amazon Video. The trio's all-new car show will be broadcast exclusively on Amazon's on-demand TV service Amazon Prime. The show is to go into production shortly and arrive in 2016. No name was revealed for the new show.

REAL WORLD

IndyCar Returning to Elkhart Lake

Road America, which hosted Indy car racing from 1982-2007, is on the 2016 Verizon IndyCar Series schedule. The event is set for June 24-26 on the 14-turn, 4.048-mile circuit.

Road America officials had been overwhelmed with fan requests for Indy car racing to return to the venerable track, and worked hard with INDYCAR to make it happen. Sebastien Bourdais won the last Indy car race there in 2007 under Champ Car sanction driving for the Newman-Haas team.

A new IndyCar race venue, a street race in Boston, was also added for 2016, on Sept. 2-4.

Mitsubishi to End U.S. Production



(Reuters) - Mitsubishi Motors Corp will stop building cars at a factory in Normal, Illinois, and seek a "strategic buyer" for the plant. The company, one of Japan's smallest automakers, has faced declining U.S. demand and an expiring union contract at its only U.S. plant. Mitsubishi said it will seek a buyer to keep the factory running and preserve jobs. The plant's roughly 900 hourly workers are represented by the United Auto Workers union. The company had declined to confirm a report by Japan's Nikkei news service that it planned to close the U.S. plant.

The Normal plant, located about 140 miles southwest of Chicago, opened in 1988 as a joint venture between Mitsubishi and its then-partner, Chrysler. Mitsubishi took sole control of the plant in 1991. The Normal plant is the only Japanese-owned U.S. auto factory whose hourly workers are represented by the UAW. At its peak in the

early 2000s, the Normal plant built more than 200,000 cars a year. Last year, production of the Outlander Sport utility vehicle totaled 69,178.

Mitsubishi said it will continue to sell vehicles in the United States

Volkswagen Outsell Toyota, now the World's Largest Automaker yahooautos.com

Volkswagen overtook Toyota in global vehicle sales for January-June, the first time the German automaker has come out top in the intensely competitive tallies.

Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp. said it sold 5.02 million vehicles in the first six months of this year, down 1.5 percent from the same period the previous year, as sales struggled especially in the languishing Japanese market. Volkswagen AG said that it sold 5.04 million vehicles during the same period. Sales were robust in Europe and North America but fell in China, usually a strong market for the company. Its first-half sales were 0.5 percent down from the same period in 2014. Detroit-based General Motors Corp., the top-selling automaker for more than seven decades until being surpassed by Toyota in 2008, finished third at 4.86 million, down 1.2 percent from a year ago.

VW makes the Beetle, Jetta, Passat and Golf models, and also has the Porsche, SEAT, Skoda, Bugatti and Audi brands under its group.

None of the automakers say they are trying to be No. 1 for the sake of being No. 1. But the industry crown is coveted and significant.

INDUSTRY NEWS



new FROM amt
Claim Some Cool With The Kat from AMT!

The KAT From AMT • Resin Replica Bobblehead

CASE FEATURES
OK modeling enthusiasts and collectors, here he is... the KAT from AMT! A wondrous one-of-a-kind resin bobblehead, created in the likeness of the best brand mascot ever! AMT's KAT bobble statue stands over four inches tall and his head nods 'n bobbles on a spring. Set him on your workbench to bring you luck and entertainment while you assemble your next beautiful build! He comes fully painted, assembled and packed in a nifty retro box that will have you exclaiming... "The KAT is KODOL!"

Available:
SEPTEMBER 2015
AMT943R/24
The KAT from AMT
Molded in Resin & Pre-painted
CASE PACK-24

Aoshima Chevy Cruze WTCC kit



This new injection molded 1/24 kit is from the 2012 season. Aoshima also offers a photo etched detail set, and other decals are available. It is to be available by the end of August.

REVELL SUMMER NNL Display

Revell had a display table with several new products on display at our Summer NNL.



1929 Ford Box Art Models



Toy model kit molder James Injection shuts down

Plasticnews.com

James Injection Molding Co., a Northbrook, Ill.-based custom injection molder that once molded Revell and Monogram brand model toy kits, has shut down. James Injection was hurt by competition from China. Some business came back from China recently, things got better. But not enough new business came in.

James Injection had 12 injection molding machines ranging from 300-650 tons of clamping force and three full-time. The company shut down this summer, and sent all its injection presses and tooling to the scrapyards. The newest machine was from 1980.

At its peak in the late 1990s the company had annual sales of between \$4 million and \$5 million annually. It was founded in 1976, but actually has roots that go back a decade earlier. Martin Silovich Sr. helped found Supreme Plastics Inc. in Mundelein, Ill., in 1966. The company later moved to Waukegan, Ill. He had been a plant manager at Monogram, a Chicago-based toy company that once was owned by Mattel Inc., and merged with Revell Inc. in the 1980s. Supreme Plastics folded in 1976 and Silovich Sr. started James Injection, eventually passing it to his son.

Today Revell and Monogram are part of Champaign, Ill. based Hobbico Inc., a distributor of radio-control and hobby toys. Silovich Jr. said James Injection once molded nearly all the parts for Revell's model kits.

EVENTS

GTR will again have a club display at the Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show, on Saturday September 12, at Meadowdale Raceway Park, Carpentersville IL. If you can attend bring in some models for the themes, Shelby Mustang, Porsche 912 and Corvette.

GTR will also have a club vendor table at the next Wheaton Swap meet on September 27 at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton. Members can bring in their stuff to sell, or just hang out.

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. 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.

The 2015 Region 5 Convention will be September 12 in St. Louis. GTR is sponsoring an automotive class. The 2016 event location and details should be announced soon.

2015 National Convention

The 2015 IPMS Region 5 National Convention in Columbus OH was July 22-25. There are reports from attendees on the national website as well as various club newsletters. Generally reviews are favorable, I have not seen numbers yet but it does look like automotive categories were a bit light, unless the photos I saw were taken before the final deadline for models on the tables. But there was, of course, some very nice stuff on display.



This Porsche 917 Can Am was Best Automotive as well as winner of Competition Closed Wheel.



IPMS/USA also hands out some annual awards at the convention.

Chapter of the Year:

IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Models

Newsletter of the Year:

IPMS/Austin (TX) Scale Modelers Society

Regional Coordinator of the Year:

Kelly Quirk, from our home Region 5

In 2016 it will be in Columbia, South Carolina, and, announced in Columbus, the 2017 event will be held in Omaha, NE.

IPMS Calendar

Sep 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention

hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

2016 IPMS/USA Nationals

Columbia, South Carolina

2016 IPMS Region 5 Convention TBD

July 26-29 2017 IPMS/USA Nationals
Omaha, NE

News

GTR Update

The September regular GTR meeting date will be Saturday, September 5, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building. We will do a review of our GTR Summer NNL and talk about next year's show.

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 now have new club T-shirts for 2015. The cost is \$10 to GTR members. If you ordered one and have yet picked it you can next meeting. And we did order a few extras so you can get one while they last.

We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you want one, \$10.

August GTR Meeting

The August GTR regular meeting was held, on Saturday, 8/3/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. We had a special guest, Dave Raeder from St Louis who again this year made the trip to attend the Summer NNL. During the business portion, we went over the Treasury Report, discussed the recent IPMS Nationals and the upcoming IPMS Region 5 Convention, and talked about other hobby news. We kept it kind of short because we also set up the room for the next day's 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL. So there was not much in Show & Tell.



Chuck Herrmann: the AMT Prowler Snap kit, done retro style.



George Pritzen: completed Road Warrior style Mustang and Dodge D50 pickup.



Dave Green: the new Revell Snap kit of the Ford Raptor pickup.

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.

GTR CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: Decals for Tony Dean 1970 Road Atlanta Can Am 1/43 Scale

WANTED: 1/24 US Military figure, preferably driver, 1940-50's.

WANTED: 1/24 Lola T70 Wheels

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GTR Summer NNL 8



Our 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL was held Sunday, August 2, 2015. It was at our usual location, the Algonquin Township Building in Crystal Lake, IL



We had a lot of signage, which helped to draw the crowd.



Our Trunk Sale in the parking lot drew a nice assortment of vendors. It did get a bit hot, about 90 by mid day, but there was a breeze. At one point the wind did cause some tents to blow over, hopefully any damage was minimal.



The contest tables were pretty full.



This year we had 36 entrants displaying a total of 219 models in the contest.



The theme was 100 Years of Dodge, Street and Racing. It proved to be a popular theme.





Here is the raffle table.



Trophies

The judging was done NNL style, participants voted for the best in each category and for the theme awards.



2015 Trophy Winners

Street Lake Michigan Model Car Club



Ken Boyer Jaguar XJ220



Competition Open Wheel In Memory of Bill Lastovitch



Tom Matthews 1936 Chevy Modified



Custom Mark S. Gustavson



Mike Tolliver 1960 Ford



Best Commercial GTR Member "Pluggger"



Duke Spangler IH Transtar



Best Curbside C.A.R.S. in Miniature



Rick Sheppard 1953 Ford Pickup



Best Out-of-the Box GTR Member "Pluggger"



Joe Rinaldi 1985 Dodge Charger Shelby



Military IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers



George Pritzen Dodge Road Warrior



Best Motorcycle/Misc GTR Member
 Dave Raeder Morgan Auto Sales Diorama
Competition Closed Wheel
 Auto Modelers Group, Milwaukee WI
 Gerry Paquette 68 Dodge Hemi Dart Drag
 See photos below

Theme and Special Awards



Theme: 100 Years of Dodge: Street
In Memory of Roger Harney
 John Walczak 1969 Dodge Charger Daytona



Theme: 100 Years of Dodge: Racing
 Auto Modelers Group, Milwaukee WI
 Gerry Paquette 68 Dodge Hemi Dart Drag



Tim Leicht People's Choice Award



Dave Raeder HO Scale Morgan Auto Sales Diorama



Chris Ducey Best Ford Award
In Memory of Chris Ducey



Tom Matthews 1956 Ford Pickup with Modified Racer



**Thank you to all our sponsors,
 for the trophies and also to
 Revell-Monogram and the
 individual donors for the raffle
 prizes.**

2016

GTR Summer NNL

9th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme:

TV and Movie Cars

Subtheme:

50 Years of Can Am Racing

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 7th 2016 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: TV and Movie Cars	All scales, all types	Any vehicle featured <i>prominently</i> in a TV show or Movie Cars from Cam Am or USRRC 1960-1974 – No GTs
SubTheme: 50 Years of Can Am Racing 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

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 Westera 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 3 Iron Invasion
McHenry County Fairgrounds, Woodstock IL
www.ironinvasion.com

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

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

Nov 7 IPMS/Butch O'Hare
Lakeview Jr. High, Downers Grove IL
John Bishop 630 880-4905
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

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



Note Ferrari in background. There were several neat 60's cars in the movie.