



GTR Newsletter June 2019

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Hello GTR and Friends;

In this month's column I bring you the sad news relating to our model car hobby; **Scale Auto** magazine founder Gary Schmitt recently passed away.

As model car enthusiasts, builders and collectors this is very sad news indeed. I initially learned of this great publication while perusing a local news and periodical stands. Like you I was enthused with the coverage of "our" hobby.... **model cars**. While other hobby related magazines would feature an article about a model or two somewhat occasionally, none went into the depth of coverage and great photography that was and still is **Scale Auto** today. Although I do not have in my possession all the very early issues of SA, I still have all the issues that I have collected over the years as I feel certain you do too. Why do we do behave like that?

My guess if you are like me you appreciate our creative hobby and look forward to viewing what other modelers are doing, and to me that includes getting my creative juices flowing to sit at the my hobby bench and tear into a new kit or in some instances revisit a kit that is still a work in process that was left hanging for 'whatever' reason. I don't know about you but that happens to me often. I will be working on a kit and BANG! something new comes out and I lose interest on that project. My current WIP shelf has a couple dozen (or more) kits waiting for me to come back to them. Although I have several other modeler friends that have more will power than I, especially of couple gentlemen that build and do model reviews for Fine Scale Modeler Magazine....talk about professionalism, they have it in spades. I am more of a ding-bat in that area. As I have confessed in previous columns, I guess I model more by the "shiny object syndrome" where I am easily distracted by new and shiny objects... (that's my story and I am sticking with it (*....Oh look, and new re-boxed Corvette kit!*)). You saw that coming right?

So, thanks to Gary's foresight and love of our hobby, we can continue to enjoy coverage of our beloved model car hobby and **the** magazine that I believe has left an undeniable truth and a legacy to our automotive related hobby. As I sit here writing this I am reminded again, that the projects on my modeling bench are seeking attention....." Steve..... come back and finish meplease".

So, keep a smile on your face and a model or **two** on you bench..... Steve Jahnke

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MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Real Life

Porsche 917 is 50 Years Old

(from porscheroadandrace.com)



2019 is a very important milestone in Porsche's motorsport heritage, as it is the 50th anniversary of the introduction of Porsche's all-conquering 917 race car. The Porsche Museum in Stuttgart, Germany is honoring this racing icon from 14 May to 15 September 2019 as part of a comprehensive special exhibition entitled "50 Years of the Porsche 917 – Colours of Speed." A total of 14 exhibits – including ten 917 models and the 908 LH (that almost snatched the 1969 Le Mans 24 Hours from Ford), will be on show.



Industry News

Shizuoka Hobby Show



The Shizuoka Hobby Show was held in Japan May 8-12. This is a large hobby industry trade show, located in the home city of many Japanese hobby manufacturers. Tamiya offers factory tours during the event.

In this world of the internet, most releases were known in advance. But they were actually on display at the show.



For race car fans, Aoshima/Beemax remains the most active as far as new product. They had a large presence at the event, and several new kits were announced.



Also NuNu Platz keeps new stuff coming.



Mazda RX7 IMSA



Audi BMW M8 GTE



Most major companies were there, above is a display of upcoming Italeri kits.

Shizuoka Hobby Show Model Display



In addition to the industry show there is a large model display at the event. Lots of it is, of course, very "Japanese" (anime, figures, etc) also military but here are some neat automotive subject models I found online.



Aftermarket Decals for Tamiya Toyota TS050

The recent release of Tamiya's Toyota TS050 is missing several decals to represent a totally accurate winning car. So the aftermarket has stepped in. Blue Stuff has released the Toyota TS050 Hybrid Le Mans 2018 markings. Other vendors versions are also coming.



Round 2

Here are some of the recent Round 2 kit announcements.



Media

Farewell Darrell

At the recent last NASCAR TV broadcast before he retired from the TV booth, fellow broadcaster Jeff Gordon gave a Monogram double kit of his old race cars to Waltrip as a send off gift.

Long live model kits!



I would like to see his build ups!

Auto Racing Movie News

There have been several announcements and release dates set for racing themed movies in recent weeks.

Formula E Documentary

(from www.motorsport.com)

A new documentary film produced by Leonardo DiCaprio that covers FIA Formula E's final Gen1 season in 2017/18 will have its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival next week.

The film, called *And We Go Green*, is a behind the scenes look at the electric single-seater championship and covers Jean-Eric

Vergne's title winning campaign last season. It features unseen race footage from the final season of FE's Gen1 era,

Directed by Academy Award-winning filmmaker Fisher Stevens and Malcolm Venville, *And We Go Green*, will be screened at Cannes. The film does not yet have a public release date.

New Schumacher Movie

(from www.motorsport.com)



2020 will be F1 great Michael Schumacher's 50th birthday, and the 25th anniversary of his first Grand Prix victory. An official documentary feature film about Michael Schumacher, fully supported by his family, is to be released later this year.

Titled *Schumacher*, the film is currently in post-production, and it will begin be marketed at the Cannes film festival.

The film will "explore the many facets of this complex man - the merciless Formula 1 driver, the ambitious boy with the dream, the down-to-earth mechanic, the dependable team player, and the devoted friend and father".

Matt Damon & Christian Bale served as honorary starters for Indy 500

(from www.motorsport.com)

Academy Award-winning actors Matt Damon and Christian Bale served as honorary starters for the 103rd Indianapolis 500. They are both starring in the upcoming film *Ford v Ferrari* about the 1960s sportscar war between the two iconic marques that saw the Ford GT40s beat the hitherto dominant Prancing Horse marque to win four straight 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Damon will play the legendary Carroll Shelby, while Bale will play Ford's test driver Ken Miles who won the Daytona 24 Hours and Sebring 12 Hours and finished second at Le Mans behind his teammates Chris Amon and Bruce McLaren but two months later perished in a crash in the Ford at Riverside, CA.

Ford v Ferrari is scheduled for release on Nov. 15

August 9 Release Date for *Art of Racing in the Rain* Set



The Art of Racing in the Rain is scheduled to be released on August 9. The trailer is appearing on the internet. The race scenes look realistic, some of these were done at actual IMSA races last year.

Events

Chicago Formula 1 Festival

(from www.motorsport.com)

Chicago will host a Formula 1 festival event on June 8, coinciding with the Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal.

Earlier this year, Formula 1 chiefs announced plans to host four festivals, in Shanghai, Chicago, Los Angeles and a yet-to-be-announced Brazilian city. The festivals include live demos of Formula 1 machinery among other things. The Shanghai event coincided with the sport's 1000th race celebrations earlier this year.

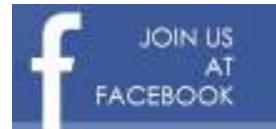
The Chicago festival will take place at the historic Soldier Field, the current home of the Bears NFL team, on the Saturday of the Canadian GP. On top of all the activities, fans attending the event will also be able to watch the Montreal qualifying session live.

June 22 will be NIMCON 8, hosted by our fellow IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers at McHenry County College, usually GTR is represented well so help support of neighbor clubs show.

See the events calendar for details for all 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 GTR.

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 from the site.



GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, June 1, at 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

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 us.

May GTR Meeting

The May GTR regular meeting was held on 5/4/2019 at the Algonquin Township building. Sorry, we have no meeting photos this time.

RIP Niki Lauda, 1949-2019



By Chuck Herrmann from various sources



The auto racing community lost a legend as three time Formula One World Champion Niki Lauda passed away May 20 at age 70. He had several recent health issues, including a lung transplant in 2018, as well as kidney transplants in 1997 and 2005.



Lauda first raced F1 in 1971-72 with the March Team.



He moved to BRM in 1973.



The next year he moved to Ferrari. There he won his first race in 1974 and was the F1 champion in 1975 and 1977. But in 1976 he was severely burned and nearly died in a fiery crash at the German Grand Prix

at the Nurburgring. While some thought he might not even survive his injuries, Lauda rallied to find his way back into a race car just six weeks later, finishing fourth at Monza.



The story of his comeback, racing with the still raw burns on his face, which disfigured him, is what made him a Grand Prix legend. He finished second in 1976 to James Hunt. This battle between Lauda and Hunt was made into the film *Rush* in 2013.



Lauda won his second title with Ferrari in 1977. In 1978 he moved to the Brabham team, winning two races before retiring from driving after the 1979 season.



He founded the successful airline Lauda Air but came back to racing for McLaren in 1982. He won his third championship in 1984 and retired for good after 1985. He won 25 races and scored 24 poles.



In retirement he founded two more airlines, and also was a consultant for Ferrari and team manager for Jaguar F1. Most recently he was nonexecutive chairman of the Mercedes F1 team, seen at races and on TV advising the successful team and its drivers including Lewis Hamilton.

Thanks for the memories and inspiration, RIP Niki





Studio 27's 1995 Honda NSX LeMans

Description: Honda NSX GT2 LeMans 1995

Mfr: Studio 27 **Kit #:** ST27-FK2483

Scale: 1/24

by Chuck Herrmann

Since June is LeMans month, I thought I would pass along the results of my most recent LeMans car build, the Studio 27 1995 Honda NSX GT2. I had always wanted to try a Studio 27 kit, but they are pretty pricey. While at last year's IPMS Nationals in Phoenix, one vendor had a pile of pre started and As-Is kits for very good prices. This one looked like someone gave up after attempting to paint the body, nothing that I could not fix so I grabbed it.



Subject: This car was built to race at LeMans and other sports car series. For the LeMans rules of the time the NSX could compete in both GT1 and GT2 classes. The main difference was the GT1 version featured a turbocharged engine while the GT2 was not. There were NSXs in both categories.

Studio 27 did several variants of this 1995 NSX, since most major elements were common to multiple cars. This particular kit is a bit odd, in that the #85 car participated at the test weekend, a few months prior to the actual race. But it did not compete in the actual race. The team car, #84, did and won the GT2 category, finishing 8th overall. I assume since it was only a matter of decals Studio 27 figured why do one more kit.

The Kit: This is a multi media kit, with resin, cast whitemetal, vacuumform and photoetch parts.



If you have ever built a Starter 1/43 kit, you will recognize the format.



The nice decal sheet includes the LeMans Test Day car #85 as well as a Japanese GT series car, #99.



Chassis: The chassis is a flat bottom resin piece with the interior tub details molded on top. There is no chassis or suspension detail. The chassis attaches to the body with screws.



I just painted the bottom flat black.

Interior: The dash is a resin piece, I sprayed it flat black. The pedals, shifter, seat and roll cage were whitemetal. I painted the interior and engine bay body color, as well as the roll cage, gloss white. The seat belts were photoetch.



Engine: The bottom of the engine is molded into the engine bay which is the top of the chassis. The only detail is the whitemetal intake plenum. I painted the engine top aluminum. The plenum I painted semi gloss black then used parts box carbon fiber decals. The engine compartment looked pretty sparse so I added some wires and bits. It is close but not entirely accurate but it punches up the engine room which is visible through the rear window.



Wheels/Tires: The wheels are white metal, which I sprayed semi gloss black. The tires are black resin. The nice brake disc detail is photoetch. There is no suspension, the wheels push onto metal axles which fit into holes in the chassis. They come too long so they need to be cut down to get the right fit, see the marks below.



Body: The body is resin. There is an option for open or closed headlights. My kit as purchased came slightly started, with the headlights glued in the closed position and a poor coat of white. I left the headlights closed, and sanded off the rough spots of the paint job. Then I sprayed on Dupli Color White primer, sanded it smooth and then sprayed on Testors Classic White from a rattle can. The rear wing supports were thin photoetch but they hold up the whitemetal rear wing fine. The wing endplates are photoetch. I was worried about the clear windshield; on some resin kits it requires cutting individual pieces. But here it was one piece, just needed trimming in the front. It mounted under the roof and CA held it no problem. Rear taillights were an odd type of clear plastic which had yellowed with age but Tamiya Clear Red looks good. The exhaust tips are whitemetal I painted aluminum. There are two diffuser sections, photoetch pieces which were tricky to attach.



The decals, even though they are about twenty years old, worked great. They took a while to come off the paper but went on nicely.



Summary: This kit went together fine. Since I had not done a resin/multimedia kit in 1/24 before, I was concerned. But everything fit, the clear was no problem and CA glue worked fine for attaching the photoetch and whitemetal to the resin. One odd thing was the lack of tire sidewall decals, especially since the Bridgestone Potenza decals for the body are included and they are noticeably absent on the finished model. But otherwise I was happy with the finished product.



High Desert Modeler



by Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque, New Mexico

Albuquerque Museum Car Show 2019

The annual Albuquerque Museum Car Show was held on Sunday May 19. This is one of the largest car shows in New Mexico each years, held in the parking lot of the Albuquerque Museum. This is in Old Town, so there is a lot to do in the area as well.



Beside the great car show out in the parking lot, there are displays of automotive art and models inside.



The Albuquerque Model Car Club was again the organizer of the model display and the People's Choice contest. Also there was a kid's activity where they gave away Hot Wheels cars if young enthusiasts were able to locate particular real cars outside.



There were model kits, diecasts and finished models on display.





Also visitors could vote for a Peoples Choice Model award. The winner was this Valve Cover Snoopy racer.



I had never seen a 1967 Toyota Publica pickup before.



Real Thing

It was bit cool for the season, and overcast, but it was a good day to stroll among the many great cars on display. There were probably 300-400 on display, a great mix of all styles. Theme was Vintage Trucks.



The Albuquerque Model Car Club was also represented in 1:1 scale. Above Joe Ballengee's Lancia, below is Eddie Corbins 26 Ford.





12th Annual IPMS/GTR NNL Contest & Swap Meet

August 4, 2019

**Theme: 50th Anniversary
of the Chevy Camaro**
**Subtheme: Woodies and
Wagons**

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 4th 2019 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

Admission to the show is a measly 10 bucks; you can enter unlimited models 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	All scales	All types
Juniors	All scales	[Under 16 years] all models
Curbside	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: 1969 Camaro	All scales	All types: Stock ,street, custom, race
SubTheme: Woodys and Wagons	All Scales	
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, Ford	Best Ford
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Best model in contest	

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GTR 2019 Event Calendar

May 27 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

May 27 Monaco Grand Prix
Monte Carlo

May 27 World 600 NASCAR
Charlotte Motor Speedway, NC

May 25-27 GSL 27 International Scale Vehicle
Championship
Salt Lake City, UT
<http://www.gslchampionship.org/>

June 8 Formula 1 Festival Chicago
Soldier Field

June 8-9 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Overland Park Conv Cntr, Overland Park KS
www.kcslammers.com

June 15-16 LeMans 24 Hours
LeMans, France

June 22 NIMCON 8
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
www.lakesregionmodelers.com

Aug 4 GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL
Contact Doug Fisher kkfisher1@comcast.net

August 7-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals
Chattanooga Conv Center, Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.ipmsusanationals.com>

Sep 28 Nordic-Con 2019
Veterans Memorial Community Center
Inver Grove Heights, MN
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

Sep 28 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info contact: (630) 969-1847
or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

SLAM NNL

Oct 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshow.com

Oct 26 Winnebago Area Model Classic Theme:
50 Years of the Silver Screen
Auto Challenge Class: GT 2 GTO
WAMClassic@gmail.com,
www.WAMClassic.wix.com/wamc,
www.facebook.com/WAMClassic

Nov 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshow.com

Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshow.com



IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. If you are a current IPMS/USA member let Steve or Doug know your member number and expiration date, remember to renew your membership by October each year to make the renewal process smooth. We encourage 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

August 7-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals
Chattanooga Conv Center, Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.ipmsusanationals.com>

2020 IPMS Region 5 Convention: TBD

July 29-Aug 1, 2020 IPMS/USA Nationals
San Marcos, TX