



GTR

Newsletter

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Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers

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2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

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2019 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Algonquin Township Building

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MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News

Revell News



Their Porsche Diesel Junior kit apparently was successful, as Revell Germany is releasing another farm tractor kit this month. The Duetz D30 is another German made tractor that was popular in Europe in the years following WWII.



This is also one their Easy Click (snap) type kits. Product number: 07821



AMT New Stuff



Airfix to release Motörhead Bomber LP Art Heinkel Kit

To mark the 40th Anniversary of Motorhead's Bomber LP, Airfix will issue a kit of the heinkel 111 featuring decals to replicate the cover art of the album.



Lemmy, "Fast" Eddie Clark and Phil "Philthy Animal" Taylor are shown inside the cockpit of a Heinkel in the Blitz in WWII. Lemmy, himself a collector of WWII memorabilia, insisted the plane be German. The album's illustrator explains: "I suggested the Heinkel plane. To get the lighting right, I got a little Airfix kit of a Heinkel 111, made it up and sprayed it black." He then photographed the model to get the reflections underneath. "When you work realistically, you've got to have a realistic reference."

The album sleeve made such an impression the band insisted on a remarkable 40ft Heinkel replica to accompany them on stage for their now notorious 'Bomber' tour.

To mark the 40th Anniversary, Airfix is releasing a 1/72 scale version of its latest Heinkel with the "Bomber" markings included, and with the special Anniversary box lid.

Media

The movie *Blink of an Eye* is about the NASCAR relationship between Dale Earnhardt Sr. and Michael Waltrip. It builds up to the 2001 Daytona 500, which is where Waltrip won his first race and Dale Sr. was killed in a late race crash.



It was in theaters for one day only, September 12. If you missed it, in the future it may be released as a DVD or via some other online streaming source, keep watching for it if you are NASCAR fan.



Events

After a 40 year run, the final Toledo NNL will take place this month.

Locally, the 4th SLAM NNL happens a bit north in Johnstown, WI October 19.

SLAM
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GRAND SLAM NNL #4

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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, October 5, 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.

September GTR Meeting

The September GTR regular meeting was held on 8/7/2019 at the Algonquin Township building. Sorry, we have no meeting pictures this month.

Meadowdale Car Show 2019



The 11th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Cr Show was held on September 7 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville IL.

Racing fans know that Meadowdale International Raceway was a world class race facility built in the 1960's in the area that became Carpentersville, IL. It was developed by the real

estate developer of the newly expanding Chicago suburb. The track hosted many events, especially SCCA races. Probably the biggest national level event was the 1968 Trans Am Series race.



Eventually the track was overcome by the suburban Chicago sprawl and shut down around 1970. Today it is surrounded by housing but the site itself is a local park, with many sections of the old race track preserved for hiking and outdoor activities.



MIRPA, Meadowdale International Raceway Preservation Association, is a group that was formed to keep memories of the old ghost track alive, and there is an annual car show in September of both historic race cars and other collectible and show cars held on parts of the original race track.



Thanks to Larry Fulhorst for posting lots of photos from this year's event on Facebook, here are some.





IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. The annual rechartering process will soon be upon us. 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

From our Regional coordinator Jim Coatney, we have been notified that the earlier proposal to divide up Region 5 has been officially approved. IPMS Region 5 is being split into two separate regions. The main reason for this is the size of Region 5, both in the number of clubs and geographic area. R5 has forty-two clubs, while most other regions have less than twenty. Also, the driving distance to the southern part of the region usually prohibits those in the northern part from going to contests in the south, and vice-versa.

Effective immediately Region 5 will consist of the Chicago-area chapters, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

The new IPMS Region 14 will consist of Iowa, Nebraska, eastern Kansas, Missouri, and the non-Chicago area part of Illinois. The new RC for Region 14 is Bob Delaney of the St. Louis Gateway chapter.

To help clarify how the region is split:

To stay in Region 5:

- Illinois(Chicago Area):
- 05-11 Capt James McKinstry
- 05-12 CARS in Miniature
- 05-13 Will Cook
- 05-18 Chicago Sprue Stretchers
- 05-22 Lake Region Scale Modelers
- 05-24 GTR Auto Modelers**
- 05-25 Butch O'Hare
- 05-37 Techmages
- 05-58 IPMS/Stateline Area Modelers
- Indiana (Chicago Area):
- 05-35 Duneland
- Minnesota:
- 05-20 Twin City Aero Historians
- 05-33 Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers
- 05-38 RPM Twin Cities
- 05-40 South Central Modelers
- 05-54 OMG Modelers
- 05-56 Minnesota Military Figure Society

- South Dakota
- 05-52 Black Hills Scale Modelers
- Wisconsin
- 05-01 Richard I Bong
- 05-09 Steve Wittman
- 05-27 Mad City Modelers
- 05-53 Northwoods Scale Model Phanatics

To become the new Region 14:

- Iowa:
- 05-02 Des Moines Hawkeye Modelers
- 05-26 Plastic Surgeons
- 05-32 Alexander Lippisch
- 05-57 Glue Brothers
- Illinois (southern/central):
- 05-14 Polish Coast Watchers
- Kansas:
- 05-05 KC AMPS
- 05-39 Great Plains
- 05-48 KC Slammers
- 05-49 Prison City Modelers
- Missouri
- 05-04 Gateway
- 05-19 Mark Twain Chapter
- 05-42 West Central Missouri
- 05-50 Central Missouri Scale Modelers
- 05-51 Missouri Ozark Scale Specialists
- Nebraska
- 05-03 Ft. Crook
- 05-08 Lincoln-Scott Sumision

The 2020 Region 5 'Regional Contest' will be on June 13, 2020, hosted by the IPMS Lakes Region Scale Modelers, Crystal Lakes, IL. So once again it is in our "back yard". The above notice of the split of Region 5 means that the annual regional show should usually be closer to home.

IPMS Calendar

June 13 2020 IPMS Region 5 Convention – to be hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, Crystal Lake, IL.

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

2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV

2022 IPMS USA Nationals: Omaha, NE

High Desert Modeler



by Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque, New Mexico

2019 New Mexico State Fair

The annual New Mexico State Fair is a major event for local modeling clubs in Albuquerque. This year it was held Sept 5-15 at Expo New Mexico (State Fairgrounds complex) in Albuquerque, situated on Central Avenue the original Route 66.



As usual the Albuquerque Model Car Club coordinated the model car exhibit in the Creative Arts Building.

Here are photos of the display cases.



Participation was a little down from last year with just over 60 entries. Some display only models and kits in boxes were used to fill out the display.



The Best in Show Award went to Brad Smith's Hybrid Dragster.

Our fellow local IPMS model club, IPMS/Albuquerque Scale Modelers, coordinated the non-automotive model display and contest.



Here are photos of their display cases.





Above was the Best in Show winner in the non-automotive contest.



Here were some other automotive themed artworks, including the quilt above and the beadwork below.



The State Fair Parade down Central takes place the first Saturday of the Fair. It included a good number of cars like these.



And being New Mexico there had to be a few lowriders showing off their stuff.



Fujimi 1/12 EVA Kawasaki ZX-10R 2011 Motorcycle



Description: EVA Kawasaki ZX-10R
2011

Mfr: Fujimi

Kit #: 141343 **Scale:** 1/12

by Elliot Doering Milwaukee, WI

Fujimi recently has produced some excellent MOTOGP type road racing bikes, including the Kawasaki ZX-10R used in Japanese road racing, as well as the popular European World Superbike Series.

The kits are 1/12 scale, and build up into some very convincing replicas of state-of-the-art racing machinery. Kawasaki has always been at the forefront of developing some very sophisticated machines, having won the World Superbike series championship, and this kit is full of great crisp details. Let's take a look at this kit, which comes in the rectangular, tray type box.

Upon lifting the cover, you'll find that the instruction booklet doesn't really have a front page. Instead, a separate guide to the paint colors needed for this kit, as well as a decal placement guide serves as the first page. The actual first page is called "piping", and shows how to use the plastic tubing included in the kit to do the clutch and brake lines. One should note that it's not absolutely a must to wire this bike. It can easily be built without the wiring. A measurement guide is given to allow for cutting the tubing to proper lengths. However... the instructions leave the wiring to the last step before decals. One might want to wire the bike in the assembly stages dealing with the handlebars and brakes.

While on the subject of handlebars, I would encourage the modeler to build up the stand for the rear tire to support the bike in an upright stance. Trying to apply the handlebars with the bike lying on its side will be clumsy, and you might actually break the clutch or brake levers off the handlebars. It might be a good idea to even

have a second set of hands hold the bike, while you set the bars in position.

A tweezers is a must, as there are tiny pins the tubing inserts over. I would not use glue to hold the tubing on the pins. The glue can easily melt the pins. The tubing should therefore just be inserted onto the pins without gluing.

Six flash-free sprues make up the kit. One medium grey tree holds the frame halves and exhaust pipes. Two white trees hold body fairing parts, handlebars, fork parts etc.

Other grey trees hold the motor parts, swingarm and fork tubes, and the stand for the bike. The wheels, brakes, chain, and calipers are also molded in grey. Two real rubber tires are included.

There are twelve assembly stages to complete this model. A complete parts layout comprises the second page of instructions, with assembly beginning on page 3, building up the motor.

The two sides of the motor block are joined, then the frontal and rear pieces. Be certain to get the alignment square and even, so other pieces will fit. Then, the cylinder head, oil pan, oil filter, oil line, and an engine side cover get added to complete a very realistically detailed "model with a model" of the potent ZX-10R motor.

In step two, we place the completed motor into the two halves of the frame, along with the cross members. Again, be sure to get the motor in correct position, and the frame aligned around the motor, so the swingarm and other parts mate well.

In step three, we deal with the back tire, wheel and rear brake. Be sure to sand and "scuff in" the rear tire to remove any tire seams.

Next, we construct the rear mono-shock, after detail painting the spring for it. It is then inserted into one half of the rear swingarm, and the rear brake caliper is added to the swingarm.

The rear chain has a cut out in it. This is to allow for the chain to pass thru the other half of the swingarm, before joining up with the half containing the monoshock, as well as the rear tire. A pin/axle passes thru the entire assembly to keep things well aligned. Go thru these steps slowly. It's critical that everything lines up, or the tire etc. will sit cocked in the swingarm and frame. Take your time, and use patience.

The complete rear swingarm assembly is then passed thru the back of the frame. Note must be taken of the side sketch showing exactly where the top of the monoshock attaches to the rear crossmember of the frame, so take time to study that sketch until you see and understand its location etc.

The front airbox plate is attached to the front of the frame, and with the rear swingarm/tire assembly in place, a pin is again passed thru the swingarm and frame to hold things in position.

Step four involves gluing up the two halves

that make up the gas tank and seat tail. There's no way around the seam that will result from joining the halves, so a bit of filler will be required to blend the seam in. Once that's done, the seat pad gets added to the assembly, and the gas cap is added to the tank. Then, two hoses are added to the lower part of the motor, and an engine side piece is also added.

Step 5 is all about the 4-into-1 exhaust system. The ZX-10R motor is an in-line, four-cylinder power plant. Individual pipes are all assembled in order, according to another side sketch, and the muffler canister is secured to the pipes.

With the bike turned upside down, the exhaust system is set into the exhaust ports at the front of the motor. A carrier bracket for the muffler canister is attached, and put in position on the frame. We also build up the radiator, overflow tank, and cooling line.

In step 6, the completed radiator is attached to the front of the frame. There is a tab at the top of the radiator, which gets attached to a point on the forward portion of the frame, and the cooling line is joined to the motor. Then, two radiator support brackets are added to each side of the radiator.

In block seven, the front wheel, two brakes, and tire are built, and the two halves of the front fender are glued up. Again, filler will be necessary for the resulting seam. After detail painting, the fork legs get the brake calipers added to them, and the completed forks, fender, and wheel/tire/brake assembly are joined together. Again, there is a pin/axle that passes thru the assembly, and a cap is added to hold things in place. The lower triple clamp assembly and fork yoke are added as well.

In the second half of step 7, you must decide whether you want to add the tubing for the clutch, and brake lines, as we will be dealing with the handlebars now. The bars slip onto the tops of the fork legs, after the forks are passed thru the steering head on the frame.

In step 8, the digital instrument panel is built, as well as the steering dampener. They are then attached, along with a radiator catch bottle, to their positions on the forward frame.

In block nine, the front fairing and windscreen are joined. Some masking and painting will be required here. When complete, the windscreen and front fairing attach to the lower section of the front airbox, and then the rearset pegs are added.

Block 10 deals with the side fairing pieces. I'd leave them off to show off all that fabulous frame and motor detail.

Likewise, in block eleven, the belly pan pieces get added along with the footpegs. It's smart that Fujimi left these pieces to the final step, as handling the model with them on the bike before this step, would surely damage them.

In the last step – 12, the bike's stand is constructed to hold the completed model in an upright position, and the transmission shifter lever is added. This completes the model.

The EVA team bike is painted in purple and traditional Kawasaki Lime Green. Decals are provided for the green and black areas of the bike. I do not know if the decals are Cartograph quality. They do look as though they'd work well.

Incidentally, this kit also comes in a gold and black, or red and black version for two different team liveries.



I had mentioned that the ZX-10R was raced in the World Superbike Series across Europe, with a round also in the USA, at Laguna Seca, in California. There is a company out of Stormville, New York – ONLY RACE CARS. They have a fine, hi-quality decal set produced by PIT WALL, to do the 2010 ZX-10R of Tom Sykes, a Kawasaki factory-backed World Superbike Champion from England. The bike is all Kawasaki Green, with black accents. The decal sheet is # 120-001.



Whether you choose to wire the bike or not, the end result is a very eye-catching model, if you take your time, and proceed with patience, and time to let things dry well. Try something different, and have fun. Happy Building! ED





GTR 2019 Event Calendar

Oct 12 NNL Nationals #40 The Final Homecoming & Toledo Collectors' Toy & Model Fair

Exhibition Center at Tam-O-Shanter, Sylvania, (Toledo), OH
Contact : Rick: papafor66@yahoo.com

Oct 19 SLAM NNL#4

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Oct 20 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
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Oct 26 Winnebago Area Model Classic Theme:
50 Years of the Silver Screen
Auto Challenge Class: GT 2 GTO
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Nov 3 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 3 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
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Nov 9 37th Annual-IPMS Butch O'Hare Contest
Holiday Inn, Itasca, IL
www.butchoharemodelers.com

Nov 10 Motor City NNL 15
Hosted by Detroit Area Auto Modelers
Macomb Comm Convention Center, Warren MI
See the Detroit Area Auto Modelers on Facebook

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

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
Waukesha County Expo Cntr, Waukesha WI
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