



# GTR

## Newsletter

### April 2020

## April Meeting Canceled.

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic the April 4 meeting of the GTR Auto Modelers has been canceled. We hope to resume in May but that will depend on how this crisis plays out. Keep building models and stay safe.

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## President's Message

While I have been a member of GTR for many years, not sure exactly how many, this will be my first time writing the President's Message. It's a sad time not only because of the troubling times we are experiencing, but also because our good friend Steve Jahnke will not be at our meetings anymore. He was a great member of our group and we could always depend on him attending the meetings. Good luck Steve!

I attended probably the last model show in the area for a long time. It was the Roscoe Turner IPMS Show in Indianapolis. I was down representing Revell with our company display. The turnout was very good, but I didn't get a chance to visit the model room since I was so busy at our display. I guess that was a good thing. But now all the shows in the future are being canceled or postponed. It really is getting disheartening. Let's hope it ends soon and not affect our GTR/LMMCC Show.



## Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs

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

2007, 2008 & 2015 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year

2020 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

## GTR NNL Show and Swap Meet on August 2, 2020

The first update on the 2020 NNL Show and Swap meeting is pretty exciting. For the first time the GTR Auto Modelers NNL will be co-sponsored. We are proud to announce that the Lake Michigan Model Car Club will be working with GTR to put on the show and swap meet. With the two clubs working together, we are looking for a stronger turnout of modelers, models and vendors.



The details are being finalized, but the Show Theme is Pickups and there will be two new categories for entrants [Distressed/Rat Rods and Factory Stock].

More details will be out in the upcoming months and we are looking forward to a great show in August.

### Events

With all the disruption and uncertainty caused by the Corona virus crisis, all dates are of course tentative. Please check directly with the event hosts as events are being rescheduled or canceled daily. I will update as I am informed of changes, also I will share the notices on the GTR Facebook page.

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.

### Real World

The global Corona Virus has caused massive disruptions in everyone's daily lives, and motorsports is no exception. Some iconic early season events have been canceled outright. Street course events like Long Beach Indycar and Monaco Formula 1 have been canceled for the year due to the difficulty in logistics involved in shutting down city streets. Others have been moved out. The Indy 500 is now targeted for August 23. And the 24 Hours of LeMans is planned for Sept 19-20.

### Industry News

Since our meeting the whole world has gone crazy due to the Corona virus crisis. The virus is affecting our hobby with trade shows, contests and shipments all being impacted. First the Shizouka Hobby Show, scheduled for May in Japan, was canceled. Then Round 2 announced delays due to plant closures in China. We can assume that all production and shipments from China and Asia, where most production takes place, will be impacted. Tamiya has closed their on line store. Every day more bad news comes in so it is impossible for me to keep up, but we need to ride it out and hope it is over soon.

*These two items are from the Hoosier Model Car Association Newsletter*

### Round 2

*Tim Boyd has posted several places on the internet information about something new coming from Round2 – a 1965 Oldsmobile F-85 convertible. This kit was originally released as part of the AMT 3n1 lineup. Somewhere along the line, the body tooling was butchered to create an AWB funny car, but the rest of the tooling survived intact. Round2 has created an all new body tool rather than attempt to restore the old tooling.*

### Salvino JR

*Someone with some inside knowledge posted that JR Salvino is studying the possibility of developing some 1/20th scale Indy Cars. When asked about some of the problems with their first NASCAR kits, the poster responded that JR Salvino learned a lot from that experience. The somewhat unusual choice of scale is premised on the assumption that the Indy Car kits would appeal to many of the same modelers who build 1/20th scale Tamiya F-1 cars. No further information was given.*

*About JR Salvino, I saw some packages containing a single tree of parts on the Toys*

Forever table at the IPMS show. Brandon told me these parts were being sold to replace the inaccurate suspension on some of their first NASCAR kits.

## Revell News

Here are some upcoming releases from Revell. Per this the 1971 Plymouth is an all new tool? The 1969 Chevelle is based on the recent 1968 Chevelle tooling.

**Revell USA, LLC**  
May-July 2020 Distribution Announcement

**New Tooling**

**Revell 1971 Plymouth Coupe**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 81  
MSRP: \$24.99

- 100% new tooling and casting with improvements
- Revised chassis deck and suspension components
- Improved frame and axle assembly
- Revised body and wheel assembly
- Revised to add up with the 1969 Plymouth coupe kit

**Revell 1969 Chevrolet Camaro**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 125  
MSRP: \$34.99

- 100% new tooling, gull doors, revised suspension parts
- Large "Pony" "Tripple" Eye
- Drive shafts and rear axle tubes (Driveshaft, Rear axle and axle tube assembly)
- Revised wheel and tire assembly

**Revell 1969 Chevrolet Impala**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 160  
MSRP: \$44.99

- 100% new tooling and casting with improvements
- Revised chassis deck and suspension components
- Improved frame and axle assembly
- Revised body and wheel assembly
- Revised to add up with the 1969 Chevrolet coupe kit

**Revell 1969 Chevrolet Corvair**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 130  
MSRP: \$34.99

- 100% new tooling and casting with improvements
- Revised chassis deck and suspension components
- Improved frame and axle assembly
- Revised body and wheel assembly
- Revised to add up with the 1969 Chevrolet coupe kit

Part #	Scale	Description	Build Package Dimensions	Case Size	MSRP
85-447	1/24	1971 Plymouth Coupe	8.500" x 5.500" x 4.250"	12	\$24.99
85-488	1/24	1969 Chevrolet Camaro	8.500" x 5.500" x 4.250"	12	\$34.99
85-489	1/24	1969 Chevrolet Impala	8.500" x 5.500" x 4.250"	12	\$44.99
85-491	1/24	1969 Chevrolet Corvair	8.500" x 5.500" x 4.250"	12	\$34.99

**Revell USA, LLC**  
May-July 2020 Distribution Announcement

**Back by Stock**

**Revell 1969 Ford Mustang**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 130  
MSRP: \$34.99

- 100% new tooling and casting with improvements
- Revised chassis deck and suspension components
- Improved frame and axle assembly
- Revised body and wheel assembly
- Revised to add up with the 1969 Ford Mustang coupe kit

**Revell 1969 Ford Mustang**  
Scale: 1/24  
Part Count: 130  
MSRP: \$34.99

- 100% new tooling and casting with improvements
- Revised chassis deck and suspension components
- Improved frame and axle assembly
- Revised body and wheel assembly
- Revised to add up with the 1969 Ford Mustang coupe kit

## Tamiya 1982 Long Beach Pace Car Toyota Supra Reissue



According to Tamiya's Japanese web site the 1/24-scale Supra will be reissued in April, 2020. It was originally released in May of 1983. It isn't yet clear whether Tamiya will ship to the US, but it should be available online. The Supra is modeled after the pace car at the 1982 Long Beach Grand Prix in California. Toyota was the title sponsor of the Formula 1 race that year, making it a great marketing opportunity for the second-generation Supra. Unlike Japanese versions, the U.S.-market cars sport sweet fender flares as seen on this Tamiya kit.

The Tamiya kit includes a decal sheet "Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach" and a driver figure.



The race was won by Niki Lauda in a McLaren. It might be cool to build models of both cars.

## Atlantis

Atlantis keeps releasing some of the old molds they purchased last year, here is the Allison engine.





## GTR Update

The April meeting, scheduled for April 4 has been canceled due to the corona virus crisis. We hope to resume meetings in May, but that depends on the situation as we go on. So hopefully the next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building. But watch your email and Facebook for updates.

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.

### March GTR Meeting

The March GTR regular meeting was held on 3/8/2020 at the Algonquin Township building.

### 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 including back issues can be accessed from the site.



## 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 Doug know your member number and expiration date, and remember to renew your IPMS/USA 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

## 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



# Revell's 1932 Ford Coupe



**Description:** 1932 Ford 3-Window Coupe

**Manufacturer:** Revell

**Kit #:** 85-7605

**Scale:** 1/25

by Elliot Doering Milwaukee WI

*Editors Note: This is a review of the most recent series of 1932 Ford kits by Revell. This kit, along with a sedan version and the Dan Finks custom Speedwagon, came out in the mid 1990's. There have been reissues in different versions multiple times since. Prior to that there were several older tooling 32 Ford kits by Monogram and Revell with multiple kit releases throughout the ensuing years. The latest tooling was updated to then contemporary standards. And they are very nice kits. I should know I have started at least three. Maybe this will get me to finish one! CH*

I don't regularly build street rods, rat rods, or hot rods, but for those of you who do, I've decided to review one of Revell's best kits in this model genre. Hopefully soon, the weather will be getting warmer, and car shows will be getting into high gear again around the Milwaukee and surrounding areas, always fun.

This is one of your typical 2-in-1 type kits. Parts allow you to build the car either full fendered, or as a "Highboy" coupe. Of course, those of you who are skilled street rod builders will be chopping the top, and lowering the body over the frame, and other custom "tricks" of hot rodding for sure.

No other car says Street Rod more than the 1932 Ford. Available in a number of body styles, one of the most popular is the 3-window coupe. The small, sporty body style was originally designed for businessmen as an inexpensive, reliable way to move around while selling their goods. Those same inexpensive coupes are now being turned into modern pieces of rolling art. The only factor in determining the look of a finished rod is imagination.

Today's rods feature classic bodies sitting on modern frames, with up-to-date components. Gone are the original buggy springs and friction brakes. In their place you'll find state of the art coil over shocks and disk brakes. The narrow wheels and tires of the 1930s have given way to up to date tires mounted on aluminum wheels, giving the car a nose in the weeds stance.

While some rodders continue to use the original flathead V-8s, most prefer to replace them with newer versions for more performance and better over the road reliability. The old 3-speed crash box transmissions are replaced with overdrive automatics, and everything is dressed up with billet or chrome trim.

The interiors are something that the car's original designers couldn't have imagined. Sculptured interiors covered with leather or other fabrics in a rainbow of colors have replaced the old cardboard and mohair of the original old coupes.

Let's examine this fine kit! There are 8 assembly blocks that comprise this kit, plus a decal placement guide. There are 4 trees of flash free white parts, plus 2 trees of bright chrome parts, the window glass, big & small tires, and a decal sheet with red & yellow classic flames.

The coupe body itself is cast true to scale, but there are some minor mold seam lines at the rear of the roof/top that'll need to be addressed. To accomplish their removal, I strongly suggest using a Flex-i-File Bow Sander. They are available thru Micro-Mark, or at Model Empire, & consist of a U-shaped metal holder, to which strips of sanding grades are attached. This will allow you to sand off the seams without creating flat spots in the roof pillars etc. The doors are the "suicide" type, & there's a small hole for door handles, or... one can fill the holes, & have solenoid type doors, without door handles. You'll need to decide whether you wish to build the car with the full fenders, or as a fender-less highboy. Also, it is your choice to use the sides of the hood, or just the top portion in order to show off the motor of your choice.

The kit comes with a 302 Ford V-8, and the areas within the frame members and motor bay to which the motor attaches are small, so I don't think using a big block motor will fit. Flatheads should be no problem, and most small blocks might work if you don't care for the Ford 302. Header clearance is tight.

As with most car kits assembly begins with constructing the motor. The block halves are mated, heads attached, along with the oil pan, valve covers, and transmission pan. Chrome parts are included here, or one can easily strip the chrome, and paint the parts as they wish, especially if building a rat rod. If you're not going to use the 302, I suggest a lot of test fitting of whatever motor you plan to use, to insure a proper fit.

The heads should allow room for drilling out plug wiring holes, but it'll be a bit tight, once you add headers. The starter gets added, along with the intake manifold. There are tons of different carb setups or fuel injection etc. that one could use in place of the kit's single 4-barrel carb., which looks rather clunky. A pre-wired distributor will make wiring the motor easy. The oil filter, water pump, fan belts, power steering pump, and alternator then all get applied.

Moving along to block 2, we begin the front and rear suspensions. The front axle receives the disk brakes, after detail painting the calipers. The kit comes with nice 5-spoke mag wheels, but just about any wheel/tire combo should work with a little modification. The front wheels are pressed into the small front tires, and then set on the front axles. The rear suspension's much the same. Brakes get added to the rear end, along with the differential pumpkin, and the larger rear wheel/tire units get added.

On to block 3, where we begin working on the frame. There are mold seam lines on the frame rails, so those will need to be worked on before proceeding. The master cylinder halves are joined, and the seam sanded out, then the unit gets added to the crossmember. A note is made that the Exhaust/muffler system should be applied FIRST, before the crossmember gets added. The exhaust system will need to be cleaned of any mold seams as well.

In step 4, the front axle is added to the front of the frame rails FIRST. Then the steering box, and front shocks are added. Then, the rear shocks are added to the rear end, and that unit gets installed at the rear of the frame.

Additionally, the steering linkage has to be inserted thru the radius rods before gluing to the frame. The frame front bar gets added between the 2 frame rails, and the rear stabilizer bars get added, along with the rear frame bar.

In block 5, the gas tank top is added to the rear of the frame, along with its gas cap, and your completed motor is set onto the motor mounts, and the drive shaft hooked up. The headers are added to the engine as well.

Block 6 involves the interior. The floor pan receives the seat, then the 2 door panels are added, the pedals are attached to the front of the floorboard, the gauge panel is inserted into the dash, and set onto grooves in the door panels, and the steering column and steering wheel are set into a slot in the dash.

Block 7 is divided into 2 areas, one being for the full fendered version, the other for the highboy. In either case, the front and rear glass gets installed, then the windshield frame. The rear view mirror is added, and the firewall installed.

For the highboy, the inner fender panels are added to the rear of the body, and the electric fan is mounted to the radiator, and set into the grille

shell. Then, the completed body is set onto the frame rails.

For the full fender version, the rear bumper brackets, and rear frame covers are added, along with the front bumper brackets. Then, the fenders are added to the sides of the frame rails. Let this assembly dry before test fitting the body. The same steps are involved in building up the radiator, fan, and grille shell. Once things are all in place, the front and rear bumpers are added.

On to block 8, where the hood sides are added to the hood top, if you choose to use them. The license plate is added depending on which version you're building, the radiator cap is added, along with upper and lower radiator hoses, radiator support bar, door handles, front grille, splash pan, as well as the type of headlight buckets and headlight lenses you plan to use. This completes the model. All that's left is to apply the flames decals, if you choose to use them.

This kit allows for full use of one's totally free imagination. You can go wild or mild, "old school" 1950-1960s, or any of today's modern hot rodding styles. There are tons of different paint colors to choose from, and your spare parts box will get a workout in designing your build. One could use Fuzzy Fur on the seats or carpet to accent the interior. It's all up to you.

This is a relatively simple, Skill Level 2 kit. Some of the suspension parts may be a little tricky for a younger modeler, but with adult help, they shouldn't pose a big problem. Alignment of the full fenders is a bit tricky too, but if one takes his/her time, and test fits accordingly, the problems should be eliminated. Try one! And as always... have many hours of modeling FUN! ED



Built up versions of this kit.



# 2020 Cedarville Toy Show



The Cedarville Toy Show and Model Car Contest was held on March 15 at the Jane Addams Community Center in Cedarville IL. This was probably one of the last events prior to everything shutting down due to the Corona virus. There are photos and comments on their Facebook Page. I have taken the liberty of showing some of that here to get our fix of neat model pictures for the month.



This was Best of Show



From the posts it looks like attendance and number of vendors was a little down, no doubt due to the difficult times we are going through. Still some nice stuff on the tables.



# 2020 Event Calendar

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**Postponed March 21 now November 14** Sebring  
12 Hours IMSA  
Sebring Intl Raceway, Sebring FL

**Cancelled March 29 Detroit NNL**

The Macomb Community College informed The Detroit Area Auto Modelers our show has been canceled.. Our next Show will be held on November 15th, 2020.

**Postponed April 18** 28th Milwaukee NNL

Host Automotive Modelers Guild AMG  
Theme: Hot Rods  
Sub Theme: Rat Rods  
The Excellence Center, Waukesha WI  
scottiek1@charter.net

**Postponed April 18-19** Gary Schmidt Model Car Liquidation  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Oconomowoc, WI  
Info: Johnny O 414-331-8823

**TBD April 19** Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show  
Waukesha Exposition Center, Waukesha WI  
www.uniqueevents.com

**May 15-16** 40th Annual Hoosier Model Car Contest and Swap Meet.  
Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin, IN  
[mike51oleary@gmail.com](mailto:mike51oleary@gmail.com)

**May 17 NNL North Contest**  
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN  
[www.NNLNORTH.com](http://www.NNLNORTH.com)

**Postponed May 24 now August 23** Indy 500  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

**Postponed June 13-14** 24 Hours of LeMans  
**now Sept 19-20** LeMans, France

**June 13-14** Heartland Model Car Nationals  
Hosted by KC Slammers  
Overland Park convention Center, Overland Park KS  
Special Theme American Graffiti  
-www.kcslammers.com

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

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

**Aug 2** The Summer NNL  
Theme: Pickups  
Algonquin Township Bldg Crystal Lake IL



**Sep 26** IPMS/Nordic-Con 2020  
Veterans Memorial Community Center  
Inver Grove Heights, MN  
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

**Sep 27** Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL  
Info contact: (630) 969-1847 or  
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

**Oct 18** Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL  
www.uniqueevents.com

**Oct 25** US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

**Oct 31** Winnebago Area Model Classic  
Hilton Garden Inn, Oshkosh WI  
WAMclassic@gmail.com

**Nov 1** Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
www.uniqueevents.com

**Nov 14** Southern NNL Atlanta  
acme-ipms.com

**Nov 14** IPMS/Butch O'Hare Contest & Swap

**Dec 6** Tingley Park Holiday Toy Show  
Tingley Park HS, Tingley Park IL  
www.uniqueevents.com