



GTR Newsletter

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GTR Auto Modelers

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

2005 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake

No April GTR Meeting!

**Instead there will be a "road trip" to the Milwaukee
NNL in Waukesha, WI, on April 16, 2005**

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Industry News



Profil 24 has released 1/24 resin kits of three different versions of the Ferrari 312PB.



Scale Productions will be releasing a decal sheet and transkit to do some of the 2004 racing Lamborghini Murcielagos in 1/24.



Scale Motorsports will soon release a detail set to use with the Revell AG 1/12 Ferrari F1 kit. Included will be aluminum wheels along with hundreds of photo etch pieces. Cost is about \$200.



On the Revell AG website, we see a new 1/24 07364 Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit.

Events

April is a busy month for model car events. A new promoter has taken over the Strictly 43rd event for this year. It is now run by Unique Events, who also hosts the Tinley Park (formerly Hillside) and Serb Hall, Milwaukee swap meets. This year the National 1/43 Scale Collectors Show will be April 9, in Countryside, IL, the same location as the past several years. The Tinley Park show is the next day.

The 13th Annual Milwaukee NNL, hosted by the AMG club, takes place this month in Waukesha, WI. Date is April 16. The Waukesha swap meet is the next day.

Probably the best auto model show in the country, the biannual Greater Salt Lake International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention, takes place April 28-May 1, out in Salt Lake City, Utah.

This month, the IPMS Region 5 Convention will take place in the Quad Cities area. Hosted by IPMS/Quad Cities, it looks to be a pretty good show. Dates are April 29-30, details at www.qcsms.org.

See me for flyers or check the details on these and other events on the calendar page and our website.

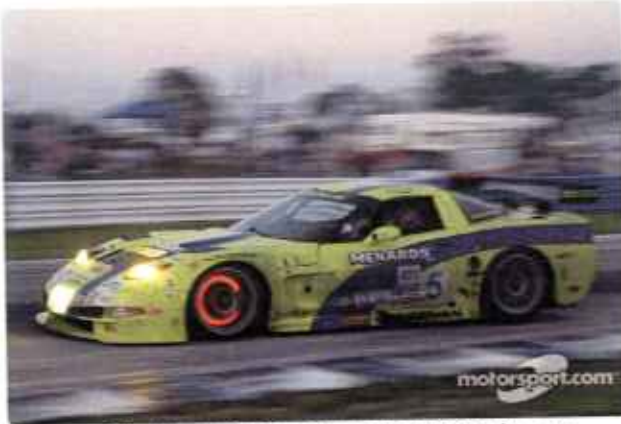
Media

Is it just me, or is Speed TV becoming just one big commercial for Fox TV's NACAR coverage? NASCAR Nation? Michael Waltrip's Celebrity Poker Championship? Bring back some more sports car coverage, please. DTM, for example. Although I do see coverage of the Euro LeMans series, thank you.

Real World



Mazda will be returning to sports car racing, with a rotary powered Courage to run in all the IMSA ALMS races after Sebring.



The first of the privateer teams, to run the C5 Corvettes, Pacific Coast Motorsports, appeared at Sebring. A Belgian team will race in the Euro LeMans Series this year.



It looks like Volkswagen will go ahead with a production version of a mid engine roadster, seen on the show circuit as the Concept R. Should be available in 2007.



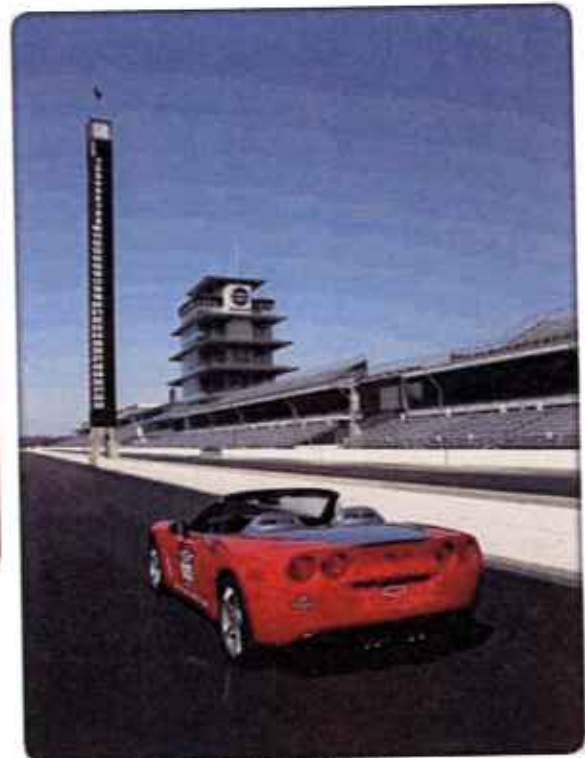
Audi will be switching from the successful TT Coupe to their newest version if the A4 in the DTM series in Germany this year.

Gen Colin Powell to pace Indy 500

(from speedtv.com)

General Colin L. Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State, will drive a 2005 Chevrolet Corvette convertible pace car to lead the field to the start of the 89th running of the Indianapolis 500 on May 29, 2005.

Neither Powell nor the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a stranger to Corvette. For a record seventh time, Corvette will pace the Indianapolis 500, and Powell owns a 2005 Corvette coupe. This race will be the track debut of the sixth-generation Corvette convertible.



It marks the fourth consecutive year and 16th time overall that a Chevrolet has served as the official pace vehicle – the most appearances by any brand.

The 2005 Corvette convertible pace car features a "Victory Red" paint treatment with a bright "Machine Silver Metallic" primary stripe down the center flanked by titanium and black accent stripes.

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GTR Update

There will be no regular April meeting; instead we will have a club road trip to the Milwaukee NNL. The May meeting will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. June will be a meeting at my house in Cary.

One final last call for dues! If you had a \$ next to your name on the newsletter mailing label, that means I still need your 2005 dues! We have held the dues to \$15 for 2005, so please pay at the next meeting or mail to me. (make checks payable to me, not GTR as we do not have an account).

The deadline for getting articles, reviews, etc. in the next (May, 2005) issue of the newsletter is May 1. Submissions always needed.

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received newsletters from: IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, IPMS/Bong Chapter, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

GTR Classifieds

Wanted: Halibrand quick change differential center section from the AMT Fiat Double Dragster. Need rear end parts but will buy/trade for a whole kit if necessary.

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Wanted: Hood for Monogram/Revell 1986 Chevy Monte Carlo kit. Also, a 1/32 scale surfboard. And color pictures from the 1965 Sebring, Ferrari330P #30, Graham Hill/Pedro Rodriguez.

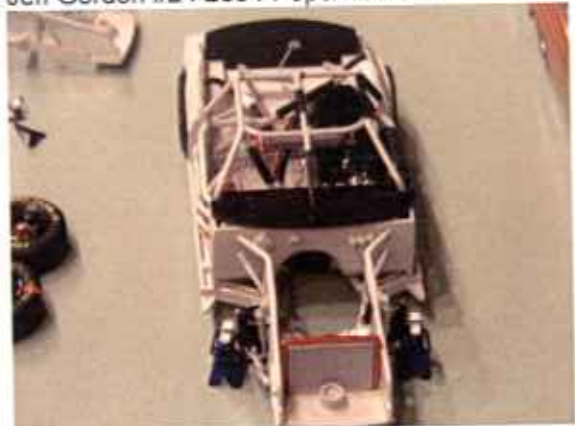
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March GTR Meeting

The March GTR meeting was held 3/19/05 at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. After the treasury report and mailbag, we discussed some future meetings. Also we approved purchasing a trophy package for the upcoming IPMS Region 5 convention at the end of this month in the Quad Cities. We are sponsoring the NASCAR category. We also discussed a possible road trip to the Redman Historic races at Road America instead of the July meeting.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Among the highlights were:

John Schaefer: Two in progress Revell NASCAR projects. First is a 2002 #97 Sharpie Taurus, with lots of added details: resin seat, scratch built shocks and JWTBM decals. Also a Jeff Gordon #24 2004 Pepsi 400 car.



Also, some new JWTBM decal sheets, including the #9 Dodge 2004 sheet.



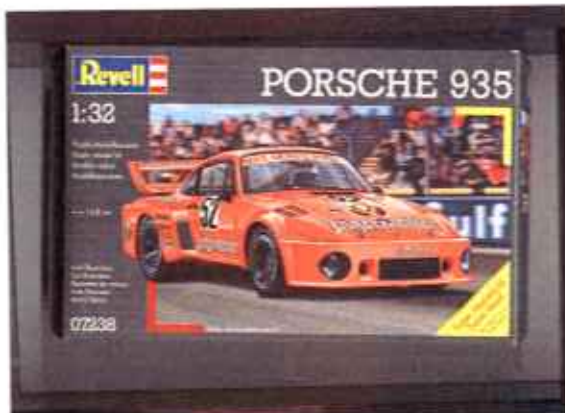
George Pritzen: Fujimi Ford GT-40 kit, the Gulf 69 LeMans winner.
Tim Leicht: Revell AG 1/12 Ferrari F2002 grand prix racer in progress. He has made numerous mods to make the body panels resemble the real car.



Chuck Herrmann: Completed kits: Revell 65 Chevy metal body low rider, and a 65 Dodge Coronet by Polar Lights. Both pre-painted kits, with interiors done in the textured spray paints by Scale Motorsports and Testors reviewed last issue. Tamiya Porsche 936/77 and 936/78, along with an in progress Porsche 936 kit with Sale Design decals to do the 81 LeMans winner. More projects: a Monogram Porsche 924 being modified into a club racer and the MPC Can-Am turbine car.



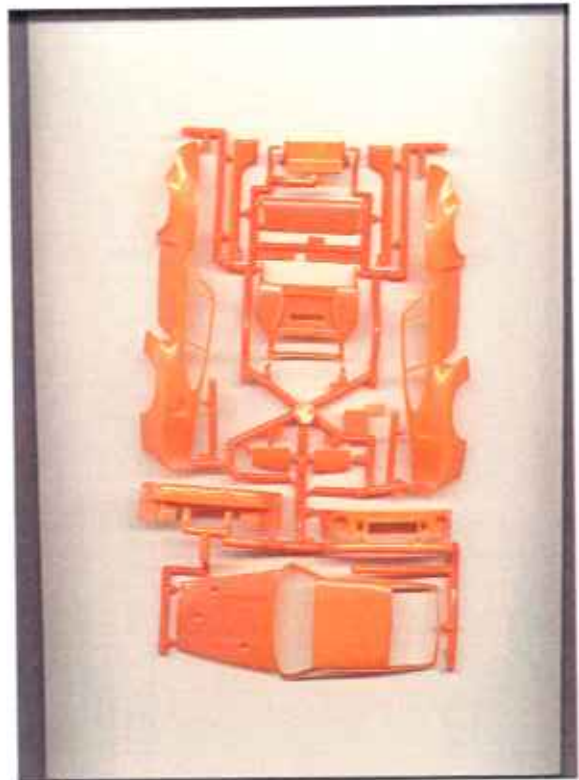
First look: Revell AG 1/32 Porsche 935



Subject: Porsche 935
Manufacturer: Revell AG
Kit #: 07238 **Scale:** 1/32
Reviewed by Chuck Herrmann

The Porsche 935 was a progression of the 911 based race car that competed in sports car series around the world in the late seventies and beyond. A very successful design, the 935 won the World Constructors Championship in 1976. Also the 935 won the Daytona 24 Hour classic event from 1978 to 1981.

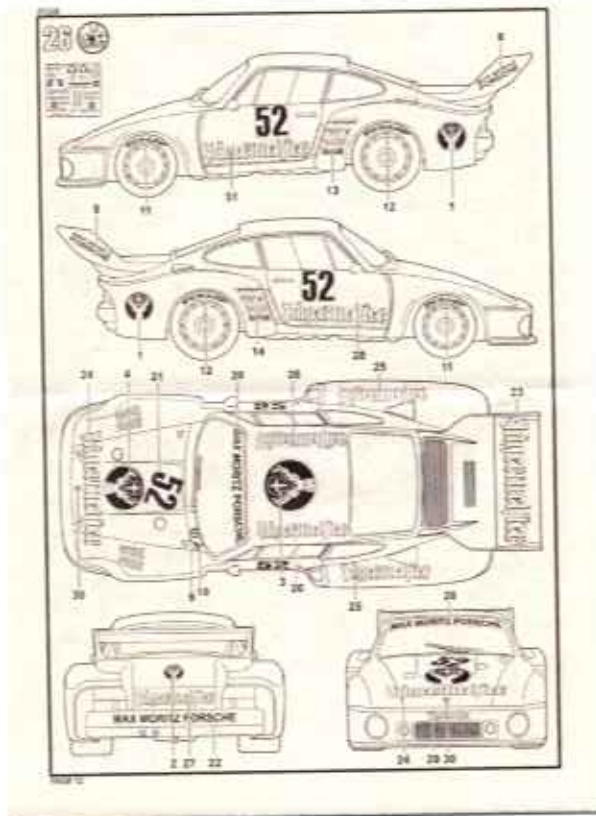
Porsche raced factory teams in major series and also sold a lot of cars to private teams. This particular version is a 935 that raced in 1977, run by a team owned by German Porsche dealer Max Moritz, under the distinctive orange and brown colors of the German liquor company Jagemeister.



This kit is a reissue by Revell AG (Germany) of a kit that has been seen numerous other times by various manufacturers. In checking out my kit pile I found I also have a version of this kit released under the Matchbox label (#PK-311), with different markings (the white Liqui Moly car from 1980). This kit apparently has limited availability in the US, I have not seen many on local hobby store shelves.



This kit comes molded in orange (the body parts) and gray, with vinyl tires and clear plastic to represent the glass. There is a twelve page, multi lingual instruction sheet. There are 81 pieces in all, so this is a full detail kit. Curiously, it is called a Skill Level 4 on the box, probably due to the complexity I will get into soon.



Body: The body for this kit needs to be assembled from 12 separate pieces! This shows the age of this kit's design, and is why it calls for a skill level of 4. While I have not tried to assemble it, my impression is that it will be tricky to match it all up without a lot of filling and sanding, which would destroy the orange finish

if you thought you could get away without painting it. The wiper is a separate piece. There are eight clear "glass" pieces, which are attached from the inside.

Chassis: this is the typical 911 pan type chassis. There are separate suspension pieces, including shocks, and of course the rear suspension and transmission are attached to the trademark Porsche flat six engine.



Decals: This is a great looking decal sheet, done by Cartograph. This looks worth the cost of the kit all by itself!

Interior: The interior builds up on the chassis. There is a detailed dashboard, (with decals for the gauges), steering wheel and separate pedals, also a console, shifter and roll cage.

Engine: While somewhat simplified, the twelve piece engine represents the full turbo engine and transmission.

Wheels and Tires: the tires are vinyl slicks, with raised Dunlop sidewall lettering. The wheels are inverted dish type, accurate to the wheels used by Porsche in this era. There are separate brakes, which will be hidden behind the wheels when assembled.

Summary: While a dated design, it does contain lots of detail. It looks like it will be a task to get the body lined up. And I also think it may be difficult to line up the body over the chassis/interior side panels for final assembly. And the tires look a bit cheesy, as do all the tires in this series of kits from the seventies (like the Porsche 917 and the Porsche 917/10 Can-Am car). If you need to have this car in this scale, you will have to work a bit to get it right. So I can recommend it to experienced builders but casual modelers may be frustrated.

GTR Event Calendar

2005

April 9 Ferrari Club Literature, Art, Model Car and Accessories Meet 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Continental Autosports
420 Ogden Ave. Hinsdale, IL

April 9 National 43rd Scale Collectors Show
Park Place of Countryside
Countryside, IL
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com

April 9-10 IPMS Sioux City Area Scale Modelers
Old Courthouse Museum Sioux Falls, SD
Lynn Aspass meraker@aol.com

April 10 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
(formerly Hillside) www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 16-17 10th Annual TamiyaCon
Tamiya USA Corporate Office
Mission Viejo, CA www.tamiyausa.com

April 16>NNL Milwaukee 13 Hosted by AMG
Quality Inn Waukesha, WI

April 16 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Inn Madison, WI
Jim Turek jtmmodel@yahoo.com

April 17 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
Joan Dunn 262-646-4114

April 28-May 1 GSL-XX 20th GSL International Scale
Vehicle Championship and Convention
Prime Hotel, Salt Lake City UT
Hosted by Utah Miniature Automotive Guild
www.GSLChampionship

April 29-30 2005 IPMS Region V Convention
Holiday Inn Convention Center
Quad Cities, IL grbroman@aol.com
www.qcsms.org

May 7 25th Annual Swap and Contest
Hoosier Model Car Association
First Church of Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
indyhcma@hotmail.com

May 25 Indy 500 Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 11 7th Greater Minnesota Open>NNL
Comfort Inn Airport
Bloomington, MN
jkampmann@comcast.net

June 12 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 18-19 24 Hours of LeMans

July 20-23 2005 IPMS/USA National Convention
Cobb Galleria Convention Center
Atlanta, GA www.ipmsusa.org

August 18 1st Annual Summer Plastic Meltdown
Hosted by IPMS/CARS in Miniature
Algonquin Township Office
Cary, IL Details to come

September 10 Nordic Con IPMS/Twin Cities
Minneapolis, MN

Sept 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
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October 1 The Show XI by IPMS/Will-Cook
James Hart/Millennium Cafetorium
Homewood, IL obviouschoice@juno.com
Ed Mate 915-478-4432

October 2 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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October 20-23
iHobby Expo Los Angeles, CA

October 29 IPMS Glue Crew
Wausau, WI Joseph Drew j.drew@dwave.net

November 6 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
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November 12 23rd Annual Butch O'Hare Show
Details to be announced

December 4 Tri-State Collectors Classic Toy Show
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