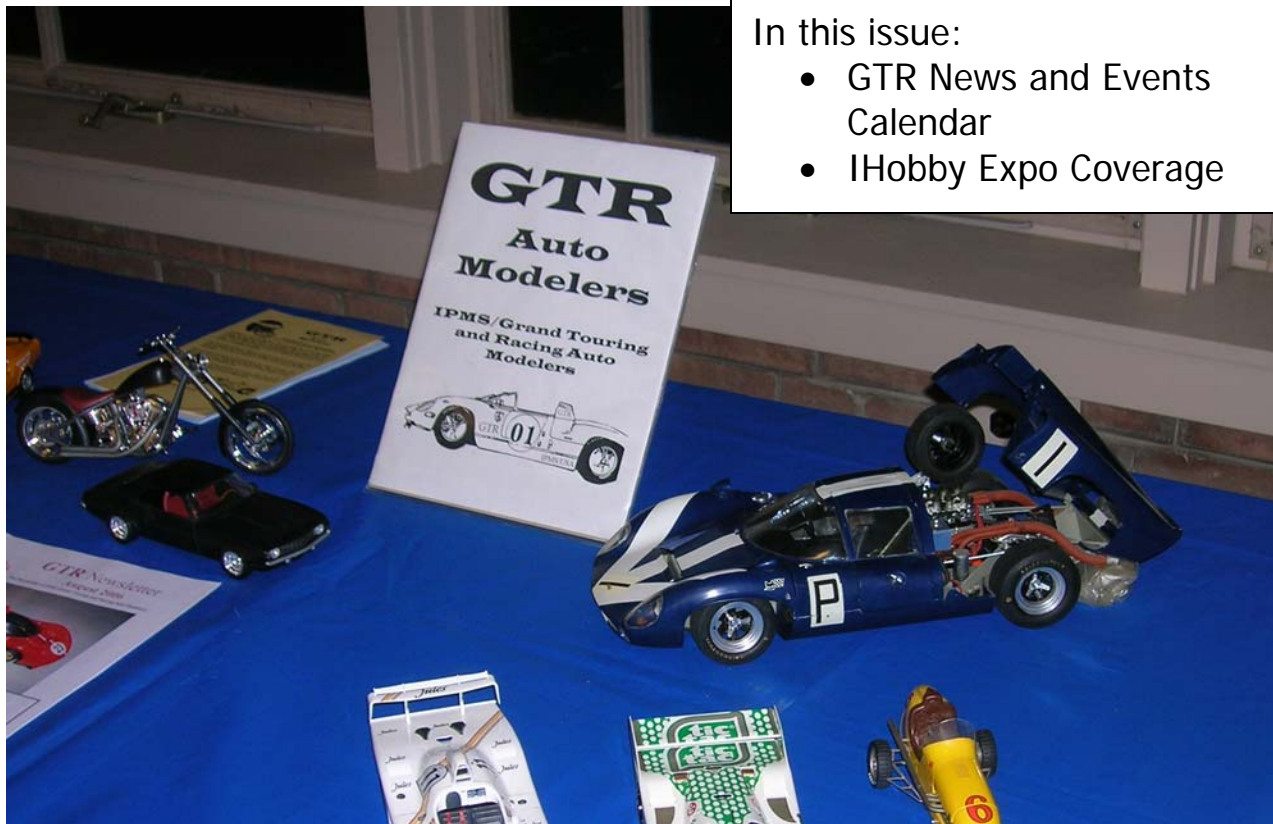




GTR Newsletter

November 2006

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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

2006 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Next GTR Meeting: November 18, 2006

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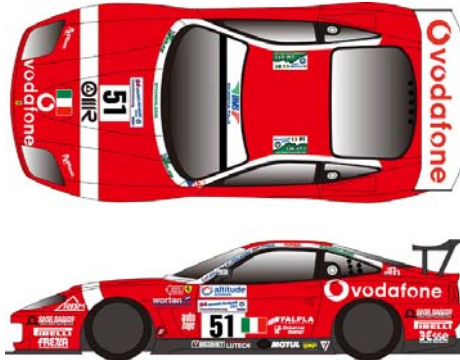
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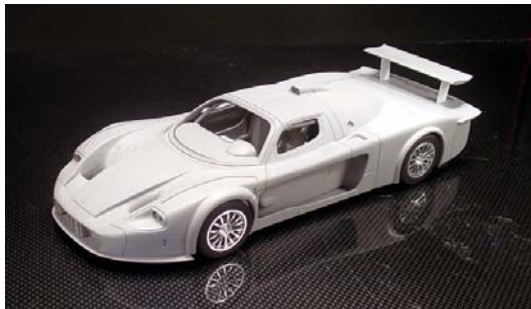
Industry News

Revell-Monogram has sold off their Revell AG (Germany) division, but luckily it was purchased by company executives and part of the agreement is to maintain a strong relationship with Revell USA. Also, rumor is that Revell AG is looking at acquiring at least some of the assets of Airfix, who has been in dire financial straits as of late.

Studio 27 just released a multimedia kit of the Ferrari 550 M LM 2005



E.JAN models released three different versions of the Maserati MC-12. 2004 (below), 2005, 2006



List prices for both are \$175. Available from the usual sources, thanks to M&S Hobbies for the news.

Tamiya has announced a new 1/24 kit (#24292) of the Ferrari FXX, a racing version of the Enzo. A Detail parts set (#12616) will be available for this kit.



Events

The Collectors Classic Annual Toy Show at the Tinley Park High School in Tinley Park, IL, will be Sunday, December 3.

See the Events calendar for details and for all the events I know of.

IPMS News

Longtime IPMS Region 5 Coordinator Jack Bruno recently stepped down. Jack has been in charge of Region 5 for over 12 years, and he was the only Regional Coordinator GTR has known. Thanks, Jack, for your efforts, which include helping bring the IPMS/USA National Convention to Chicago in 2001.

The latest *IPMS/USA Journal* (Sept Oct 2006) has articles along with photos of all the class winners from the National Convention in Kansas City last August. It also tells us the Fujimi will be releasing a Maserati MC12 Coupe and a Ferrari 330P3.

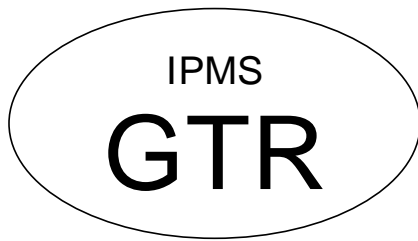
Word is that the Twin Cities (Minnesota) IPMS chapter will be making a serious bid for the 2009 National Convention.

Media

Since most of this years racing action is winding down, Speed TV will be showing more road racing stuff, like European LeMans Series, FIA GT and SCCA runoffs, check your listings.

Check out the new *Model Cars* magazine, #117, for a review, customizing tips and a build up article on the Revell 1/12 chopper kits we are doing for our club Build a Bike project.

GTR News



GTR Update

The November meeting will be on the usual 3rd Saturday, November 18, at the Fountains of Crystal Lake.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line. Our website is rather basic, as are my webmaster skills, but if you go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, click on Library, Browse Topics G-O, find GTR and our newsletters are archived back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

Build a Bike GTR Club Project



Following up from the June meeting when we discussed a possible club project kit, we decided that the next club project would be 1/12 scale motorcycles, either the new Revell chopper bikes which are on the store shelves now, or a Tamiya motorcycle if you cannot bear to do a chopper. Kitbashing or modifying the kits is encouraged so we can see how many variations or themes our members can come up with. So start building a bike in time to show it at the February meeting. Previous club projects have led to slim participation; hopefully we can get more kits built this time around.

Newsletters

Since last time, we have received print and electronic newsletters from:

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, IPMS/Seattle, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Rockford Wheels in Scale (RWIS), Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), *Dew Line* from the Upper Peninsula Scale Modelers and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. New newsletters come to us from the Back Porch Modelers Group and IPMS/Quad Cities24292).

Copies of all these will be available for viewing at the next meeting.

October GTR Meeting

There was not a regular GTR meeting in October. Instead we made a road trip to join the Lake Michigan Model Car Club for their annual open house, which was held at their meeting site, the Peace Church in Bensenville. Several GTR members made the trip, we met at Al's Hobbies in Elmhurst, then went to Two Brothers for pizza beforehand. Thanks to LMMCC for having us, here are pictures from the meeting.





I Hobby Expo 2006

by Chuck Herrmann

The I Hobby Expo was held in Chicago this year (the location now alternates between Los Angeles and Chicago) at the Rosemont Convention Center October 19-22. This is a trade show for the hobby industry. The public is invited on Saturday and Sunday, I was able to make it Saturday for a few hours, here are my impressions of what I saw.

Some major companies were not present due to scheduling conflicts, such as Tamiya and RC/AMT. Also, on the diecast side, both Burago and Maisto were not there.



The new Lindberg/Hawk booth was probably the most impressive. They are going to reissue virtually all of the Lindberg and Hawk molds, everything from the Crown Vicky police cars, the 32 Ford pickup, 64 Dodge, 66 Chevelle, Chrysler Sebring, all of these were shown with the new box art. Exact dates are still to be set, but it looks like a lot of nice kits will again be available. They also have some old IMC molds, like the Dodge I-700 Tilt Cab truck. They will also be doing new molds, the big news is a new Dodge Charger kit that should be out soon.



House of Colors showed off a line of Kustom Kolor paint that will be made much more widely available.

Accurate Miniatures showed their Cobra 289 kits, also they will still do the BMW M1 kit. And their web site indicates they now carry the XS Tuning custom wheel sets





From Revell USA, comes a new mold of the 1949 Mercury, a 94 Chevy Impala Donk, a Chrysler 300 Hemi and a Cadillac STS-V.

Testors will also be doing a new mold of the Dodge Charger, in two versions.



From Revell Germany we will get a 1/24 Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano.



For the car modeler this year's show seemed to have a little bit less, but then Tamiya and AMT weren't there. The new Lindberg laws a good sign. The attendance seemed pretty good, there more make-and takes this time. *Car Modeler* magazine had a booth; I got to meet Jarius Watson, who does lots of their art and drawings (as well as other box art for various manufacturers).

I'm sure there were more neat things that I didn't catch in my time there, certainly you will see more exhaustive listings in the magazines and on-line. It felt good to have the Expo back in Chicago.

OctoberFast: Champ Car Grand Prix at Road America

by Chuck Herrmann

The Champ Car (aka CART) series returned to Elkhart Lake, WI this year on Sept 24, for OctoberFast. After rain on Friday and Saturday, Sunday morning it rained early but by the time I got to the track it was sunny if a bit cool, great day for a race.



Like a fighter ace, Sebastian Bourdais marks his "kills" (poles and wins)

The race saw a lot of yellow flags, making for quite a bit of action. The last accident caused a red flag after Katherine Legge had a violent high speed wreck on the back straight. After an eerily quiet 45 minutes, she was alright, the race resumed and AJ Almendinger went on to win a two lap shoot out at the restart.



Going into Turn Six



Bruno Junqueira heading up the hill to Turn Six



Paul Tracy's car in the paddock



Katherine Legge at speed (before the crash!)



Paul Tracy in the pre race drivers parade



Sidepods from pole sitter Dan Clarke, with special sponsorship from the John Lennon Imagine charity.

GTR Event Calendar

2006

November 11 IPMS/Butch O'hare
Lakeview Jr High Darrien, IL
Marco Fernandez mfchi@sbcglobal.net

Nov 12 Tri State Collectors Classic Toy Show
Park Place of Contryside Union Hall
Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 3 Collectors Classic
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 10 32nd Annual Winter Swap Meet and
Model Car Contest presented by Milwaukee
Miniature Motors
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeminaturemotors.com
Contest: Loren Busswitz 414-353-0720

2007

January 27-28 Rolex 24 Hours
Daytona International Speedway, FL

January 28 8th Annual Classic Plastic
Model Car Contest ans Swap Meet
Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
Ken Rock Community Center, Rockford IL
Dan Myers 815-239-2391
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February 3 IPMS/Zumbro Valley
Stewartsville Civic Center, Stewartsville MN
www.geocities.com/zumbroipms

February 18 Daytona 500
Daytona International Speedway, FL

February 9-18 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago IL

March 12 Mobil 12 Hours of Sebring
IMSA America LeMans Series

March 17 IPMS/Fort Crook LOCON 2007
Mid America Center, Council Bluffs IA
Jay Chaldek JMChaldek@aol.com

March 31 IPMS/Quad Cities
details TBA

April 21 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radison Inn, Madison WI
JimTturek jjtmodel@yahoo.com

May 5 IPMS/Duneland
details TBA

May 3-6 Great Salt Lake ChampionshipGSL-XXI
Salt Lake City, UT
Wwwgslchampionship.org

May 27 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 17 US Grand Prix
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

June 8-9 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS SPASM
Knights of Columbus Hall Ottawa, IL
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August 11 Road America ALMS
August 12 Road America Champ Car
Elkhart Lake, WI

August 22-25 IPMS/USA National Convention
Virginia Beach, VA
www.ipmsusa2007.org

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IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:

August 22-25, 2007 Anaheim, CA

2008 – Virginia Beach, VA

2009 – TBA - Central US

2007 Region 5 Convention:

June 8-9 Ottawa IL by IPMS/SPASM

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**Happy
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