



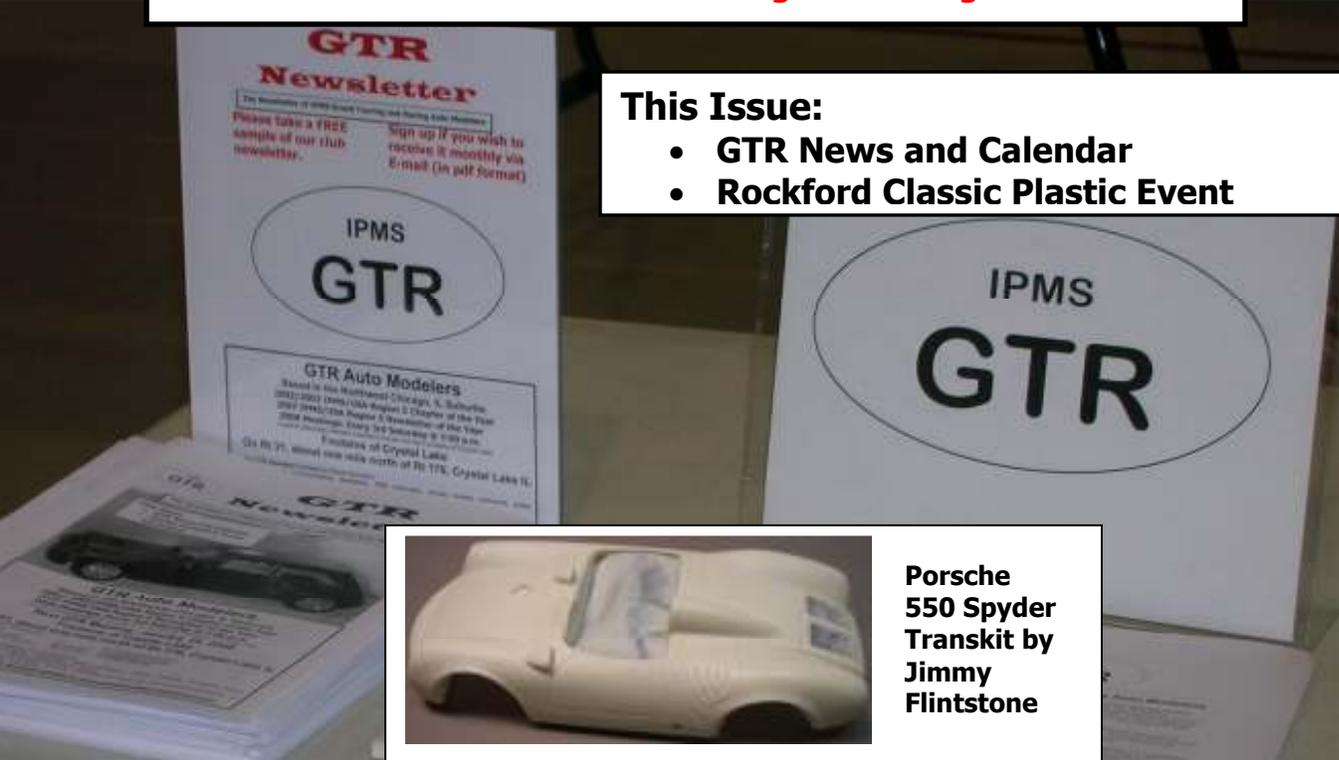
GTR

Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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Porsche 550 Spyder
Transkit by
Jimmy
Flintstone

GTR Auto Modelers

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Fountains of Crystal Lake

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Hobby Industry

Historic Racing Miniatures has released an engine and transkit for the recent release of Fujimi's Ferrari P4. Below is the description from *MAMA Sez*, the newsletter of the Maryland Auto Modelers Association:

There are actually two distinct kits—the engine, by itself, for those of you who wish to build a display version, that consists of approximately 46 pieces.

The other kit is the entire transkit which includes the aforementioned engine, as well as approximately 38 engine bay pieces.

The parts are excellently molded in white resin, per **Historic Racing Miniatures** standard practice.

Also included is a two-page instruction sheet with suggested kit part mods, painting suggestions, and assembly instructions, complete with figures to avoid confusion. There is also a parts breakdown on the last page.

The engine kit by itself lists for \$45, while the full transkit lists for \$60. For those paying in cold, hard cash, the kits can be ordered directly from Harold Bradford at 14008 Adkins Road, Laurel, MD 20708. For those of you who prefer to pay by credit card, you may do so by way of Norman Veber at **Replicas & Miniatures Company of Maryland**, 317 Roosevelt Avenue SW, Glen Burnie, MD 21061. Be sure to include shipping—\$7.00 for HRM, and \$7.50 for RMCM of MD. For e-mail information:

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Hasegawa Ferrari 1958-59 in 1/24!



Hasegawa appears set issue a kit of the Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa from 1958-59 in 1/24 scale. We have pictures of test shots, it looks like a full detail kit with lots of details. This is a welcome kit of a subject I do not think has previously been offered in production styrene.



MS Hobbies resin IMSA Toyota



MS Hobbies will release a resin kit of the 1993 IMSA Toyota, with parts to do the Daytona 24 Hour race winner and also a high downforce version. For details check out their website WWW.MSHOBBIES.COM

Random Thoughts

By Les Whitfield

Formula 1 Spy Case Update

Back to the F1 spy investigation, as reported last summer in *National Speed Sport News*, McLaren chief designer Mike Coughlan's possession of 780 pages of confidential Ferrari technical information. It seems the information was sent in multiple mailings. McLaren stated that no part of their car designs came from the confidential information and that the information was only in the position of that one person on their team (the chief designer). Nigel Stepney, former technical manager at Ferrari, was accused of passing the secrets. In the July 25 issue of *NSSN* I read in Dan Kutson's column "Going by the standards of criminal courts, Ferrari should be punished even more severely because in this case an individual in that team allegedly stole something, whereas the McLaren individual is "only" guilty of receiving goods". WOW, would you want to live in a country that has laws like that? WOW, guilty because you had something stolen and someone else desires it!

On August 1 Bernie Ecclestone was reported to say in *The Times of London* that he wants "this spying nonsense" to be put behind as it is taking away from interest on the track and he does not like it.

The FIA has also opened its own investigation of the incident. They have asked McLaren to answer a charge of breach of the International Sporting Code. McLaren was reportedly deeply disappointed in the charge.

As many of us may have read McLaren was fined \$100M and was removed from the constructors championship. Reportedly the fine will in fact be deducted from the team's point's prize money. Jean Todt, team boss at Ferrari, thought McLaren got off easy but has accepted the decision and was satisfied that the truth has come out and respects the FIA's decision. Legal actions continue in England and Italy.

Ferrari's asked "Who was responsible for this information coming to light?" McLaren CEO Ron Dennis! He heard this from driver Fernando Alonso. He contacted both FIA President Max Mosley and Ferrari team boss Jean Todt. Mosley went public with this as he has had antipathy with Dennis and accused Dennis of withholding information reported in September 19 *NSSN*.

In a strange turn of events McLaren wanted to question the over cooling of fuel in the tanks of Williams and BMW cars in an appeal. McLaren stated it was a request for clarification of rules. The appeal was denied because of improper procedures (they waited too long). It cost them a few dollars to file the protest and the fee was not returned because of their delayed filing. The results of the race were upheld as originally posted. (If the other cars were disqualified McLaren's Hamilton would have been declared World Champion).

And in another turn of events, Renault is guilty of possessing confidential McLaren design data. The FIA's World Motorsport Council found they were in violation of fraudulent conduct by possessing the data. The team was not punished because there was no evidence the championship was affected. Philip Mackereth had a lot of information on his personal computer when he left McLaren for Renault. The WMSC concluded that the information Renault had access to was not used or of no use to them. One of the drawings was used by them in an attempt to get the device declared illegal. Another reason for dropping any penalty unlike McLaren's was there was no constant exchange of information between the two parties and the information was not updated.

McLaren wrote a note of apology, which seemed to end the investigation. It was found that multiple engineers had received the Ferrari information. Ferrari stated it agreed the matter was closed but its criminal case in Italy and civil one in England will continue.

In the January 9, 2008 issue of *NSSN* the FIA was reported to have officially closed the espionage case and the 2008 McLaren car was approved to race.

I have heard there was unexplained white powder found in both Ferrari's fuel tanks and Nigel Stepney's pants pockets after the Monaco GP. The contents were supposed to be reported after an Italian court published the findings in early August, but, never heard of a finding. Stepney claimed the powder was put into his pants while he was taking a shower at the factory as reported in August 8 *NSSN*.

I encourage all of you to subscribe to *NSSN* where I find the latest in automotive race reporting, second to none.

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, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM),

Back Porch Modelers Group, Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS/Racing Plastic Modelers (RPM), IPMS/Quad Cities and Lake Michigan Model Car Club. Also we now receive *Concours*, the newsletter of IPMS/San Diego Model Car Club, via e-mail.

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



International Plastic Modelers Society

National Conventions:
Aug 6-9, 2008 – Virginia Beach, VA
2009 – Columbus, OH
2008 Region 5 Convention:
May 16-17, Council Bluffs, IA (Omaha)

Events

The Cedarville Swap and Contest will be March 9. March 30 is the Countryside show. See the events calendar for details and for all the events I know of. If any readers are aware of any other events of interest to GTR please send them along to me.

GTR Classifieds

For Sale As a set. All original issue Tamiya 1/12 Scale Formula Cars, boxes unwrapped, mint except where noted.

Kit BS 1218 Brabham MARTINI brabham BT 44B Big Scale Series 16
 Kit BS 1219 Ferrari 312 T Big Scale Series 17
 Kit BS 1225 Ferrari 312 T4 Big Scale Series 23
 Kit BS 1201 Honda F-1 (Slight water damage to bottom of box) Big Scale Series 1
 Kit BS 1222 J.P.S. Mk. III Team Lotus Big Scale Series 20
 Kit BS 1226 Renault RE 20 Turbo Big Scale Series 24
 Kit BS 1216 Texaco Marlboro M23 McLaren Big Scale 14
 Kit BS 1221 Tyrrell P34 Six wheeler Big Scale Series 19
 Kit BS 1224 Wolf WR1 Ford F1 Big Scale Series 22
 Kit BS 1217 Yardley McLaren M23 Big Scale Series 15

Accessories:

RM 1201 Motor racing team driver
 RM 1205 Motor racing team manager
 RM 1203 Motor racing team mechanic engine tuning
 RM 1202 Motor racing team mechanic wheel changing
 RM 1204 Motor racing team tool set

Contact Les Whitfield whitfield1@yahoo.com

Wanted: Porsche 356 kit (Fujimi or Testors). Poor quality built up or bag kit okay, need parts (wheels/tires, lights) to do Jimmy Flintstone resin 550 Spyder transkit.

Contact Chuck Herrmann
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Rockford Wheels in Scale Classic Plastic Event

The 9th Rockford Wheels in Scale Classic Plastic Event was January 27 at the Ken-Rock Community Center in Rockford. The attendance was good, most of the vendor tables were full.



GTR had some tables in the vendor room.





Scratch built Speed Record car



Best Theme (Crazy 8's) Winner



There was a good turnout on the contest tables. The Racing class table is pictured above.



First place in Racing class.



Commercial Vehicle Class winner below.



Judges Choice Winner for Best Engineered model



GTR News

GTR Update

For February we will be back at the Fountains of Crystal Lake, on the usual third Saturday February 16. Last meeting we decided to pick a theme for February, **Most Embarrassing or Odd kit in your Collection**. So go through your piles and bring in the worst subject or design, or the most unusual kits you have, built or in the box. (example: a certain East German econo sedan). Also we discussed ideas for meetings away from the Fountains this year, so far we are planning meetings at Doug Fisher's in Elmhurst in May and at my house in Cary in June, these will be firmed up as we move closer to the dates.

In April the Milwaukee NNL falls on our meeting night, so instead of a regular meeting we will have our usual road trip to the NNL along with the GTR display table. If anyone has suggestions for a future meeting let me know.

GTR's own Doug Fisher organized a collection of donated model kits and related supplies for the troops stationed in Iraq. Doug has done this before, GTR has twice sent over some supplies so the troops can get their minds off their situation for awhile. We couldn't get the kits shipped during the holidays so we picked up some more during the January meetings of GTR and CARS in Miniature. All together over forty kits were shipped, thanks to all the GTR and CARS members who donated something.

GTR club dues for 2008 will remain at \$15. With most newsletters going out electronically, we will have a little more money to help support some local shows this year. Please pay at the next meeting, or mail me a check (made out to Chuck Herrmann, not to GTR since we do not have an account). GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. I urge 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, or see me for membership forms.

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, then click on Newsletters, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

January GTR Meeting

The January meeting was held January 19th at the Fountains of Crystal Lake. It was a cold night, the sign on the high school on the way home

read minus five degrees, so thanks to those who made it. Among the business items we covered were keeping dues for 2008 at \$15. 2008 officers were selected. Since Ed Sexton stepped down as GTR President, John Schaeffer offered to be the president. Steve Jahnke stayed on as VP and I will carry on as newsletter editor and chapter contact. We are looking for any member to bring up ideas or suggestions for this year's meetings or activities, either at the meeting or contact me

Here are pictures from the meeting.



Chuck Herrmann: Maisto preprinted Custom VW diecast kit, Tamiya Renault 5 Turbo, 1/48 Liaz Dakar rally race truck.



Also a vintage AMT Lola T70 body that Steve Jahnke had stripped of its old paint to get back to nice clean plastic. This is planned to be built up into the red John Surtees 1966 Can Am champ car (eventually....)



Doug Fisher: Tamiya Toyota 88C LeMans car in progress, also a Hasegawa Porsche 962 in MOMO colors, Tamiya Renault LeMans and a Sauber Mercedes C9.



Steve Jahnke: a UT 1/18 diecast Mako Shark



John Schafer: Resin NASCAR Impala COT kit in development.



Also two resin 1/24 Dodge Charger bodies, by Time Machine Resins, a coupe and a convertible, to use along with the new Testors Charger kit



Ken Zinnen: Tamiya Subaru Impreza rally car in progress, also a nice built Tameo Ferrari 312P in 1/43, from the 1970 Daytona 24 Hour race.



And George Pritzen brought in a Tamiya Japan GT series Lexus kit.



Porsche 550 Spyder Transkit First Look



Kit: Porsche 550 Spyder
Mfg: Jimmy Flintstone
Scale: 1/25 Kit # nb169
By Chuck Herrmann



At the recent Rockford event, Jimmy Flintstone Studios had several tables of resin bodies, figures and assorted pieces of his usual hot rod theme products. The resin bodies are nicely done, but not my usual subject. But as I was walking off something at the corner of his table caught my eye, this Porsche 550 Spyder transkit. This has been something I was on the lookout for, there have been some slot car bodies and I believe there was a resin kit some time ago but nothing at a reasonable price. I was even going to try to do a curbside display piece from an old Russkit slot car body, but that would have been a project that probably wouldn't work out too well.



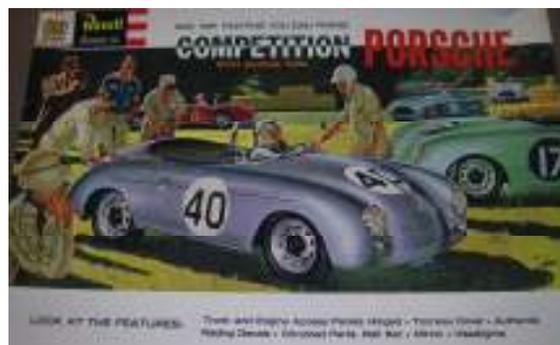
So I grabbed one of these transkits. As you can see it is better than the old slot car. It consists of three pieces, the body with molded in dash, a chassis plate

with the seats and frame molded in, and an interior bulkhead. The molding is pretty clean, not much clean up is needed. This is not the James Dean car, my reference so far shows it to be a 550 RS as raced in the 1957 Mille Miglia to a class win 5th place overall, by Umberto Maglioli.

The suggested donor, to provide the wheels/tires, interior bits, headlights and rear vents, is a Fujimi (or Testors) 356. You will also need to add a windscreen and a gas cap.



These Fujimi kits are excellent, and are not as readily available as they used to be. An alternative to using one of these may be the old 356 racing version that Revell reissued a few years ago (and was previously issued by Matchbox), I am trying this first but the pieces are not as nice as the Fujimi.



See www.jimmyflintstonestudios.com to order.

GTR Event Calendar

2008

February 8-17 100th Annual Chicago Auto Show
McCormack Place, Chicago IL
www.chicagoautoshow.com

February 17 50th Daytona 500
Daytona Intl Speedway, Daytona FL

February 24 51st Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 708-485-4544
pthpowerinc@aol.com

March 1 13th IPMS/ Mad City Modelers Show
Radisson Inn Madison, Madison WI
Jim Turek jltmodel@yahoo.com
www.madcitymodelers.com

March 2 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 9 Cedarville Model Car Swap Meet
and Contest
Jane Adams Comm Center, Cedarville IL
Scott Balduff 815-369-2053

March 15 Sebring 12 Hours ALMS
Sebring, FL

March 30 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy
Show with 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

April 12 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL

April 12 14th IPMS/Plastic Surgeons Contest
Point of Grace Church Waukeg, IA (Des Moines)
Rob Folen yiper.models@gmail.com
www.ipms-plasticsurgeons.co

April 19 Milwaukee NNL 16
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center Waukesha, WI

April 20 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com

May 3 28th Annual Miniature Vehicle Collectors
Swap Meet and Model Car Contest
Hoosier Model Car Association
Jim Casassa 317-475-0653 casassa@juno.com

May 16-17 IPMS Region 5 Convention
Hosted by IPMS/Ft Crook
Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs IA
<http://fortcrook.hobbyvista.com/>
or e-mail to ipmsftcrook@cox.net

May 25 Indianapolis 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

May 31 IPMS/Alexander Lippisch Model Show
New Hiawatha Comm Center, Hiawatha IA
Jeff Stevens 319-365-3987
jdsdesigns@hotmail.com

June 14-15 24 Hueres du LeMans
LeMans, France

August 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Virginia Beach Convention Center, Va. Beach, VA
www.ipmsusa2008.org

August 9 American LeMans Series
August 10 Champ Car
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI
www.roadamerica.com

August 23 Plastic Car Model Contest and Show
(with 15th Annual Erie Car Show) Erie, IL
Northern Illinois Tabletop Crusiers
Tom Border 815-441-0720
Gtcs07stang@yahoo.com

Sept 28 52nd Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 708-485-4544
pthpowerinc@aol.com

Oct 16-19 iHobby Expo (18-19 Open to Public)
Donald Stephens Convention Cntr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

October 19 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy
Show with 1/43rd Collectors Club
Park Place of Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 8 13th Annual Southern Nationals NNL
Atlanta Model Car Enthusiasts
Smyrna Comm Center, Smyrna GA
www.acme-ipms.com/2008_nnl.htm

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Happy Valentines Day

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