



# GTR

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## GTR Auto Modelers

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# GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

## Phil Hill 1927-2008



Phil Hill, 81, one of only two American Formula One World Champions, died August 28 in his home state of California from complications from Parkinson's disease.

After starting out in the US West Coast sports car racing scene, Hill drove in Formula 1 from 1958 to 1964, and from 1958 to 1962 he drove for the Ferrari factory team winning three GP races. In 1961 he won two in the Ferrari 156 Shark Nose on his way to the F1 World Championship.



**A Ferrari 156 as displayed at the recent 2008 IPMS National Convention**

In addition to his F1 success Hill was a great sports car racer, winning the 24 Hours of LeMans three time (1958, 1961 and 1962, all in a Ferrari and all teamed with Olivier Gendebien). Later he drove for Jim Hall's Chaparral team, winning the 1966 Laguna Seca Can-Am as well as the Nurburgring 1000 KM in 1966 in a Chaparral 2D and the 1967 Brands Hatch 1000 KM in the Chaparral 2F in his last professional race.

After his retirement, he was involved in the classic car business. Also he was a writer, lately for *Road and Track* and appeared at vintage race events around the world.



**Yours truly getting Phil Hill's autograph**

On a personal note, I was fortunate enough to meet Phil Hill at the September Vintage event at Road America in 1997. He was a guest of the featured margue, Ferrari, signing autographs and posing for photos. And when we went out for the lunchtime track tour, Hill led us onto the track in a Ferrari F50 Barchetta on a memorable day at the track.

## Industry News

MRC, Model Rectifier Corporation of Edison, NJ, has announced a new partnership with Japanese model manufacturer Aoshima as their exclusive North American importer for the full line of plastic models, including automotive kits. MRC already distributes Academy and Italeri kits in the US.

Several new products have come out recently.

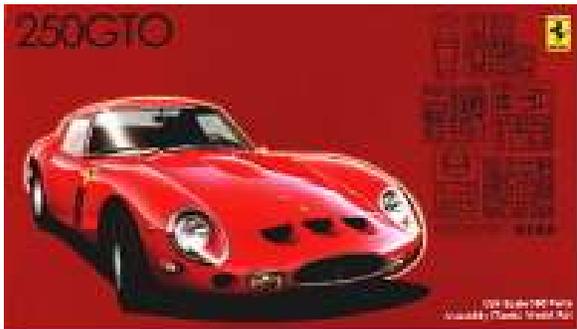
KA Models from Korea is a new name to me, on the HobbyLink Japan web site they have a wide range of aftermarket sets and decals available. [www.hlj.com](http://www.hlj.com)



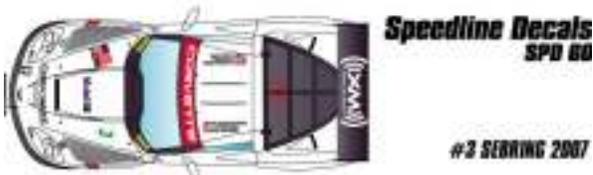
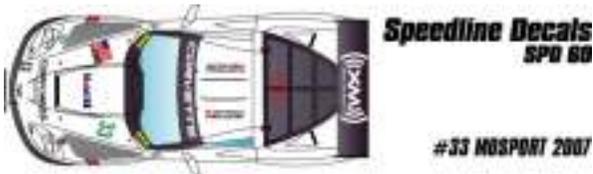
Island Collectibles has a new resin kit of the 1/24 Ferrari 330P3 coupe Monza 1966 car #14 available shortly. [www.islandcollectibles.net](http://www.islandcollectibles.net)



The new Fujimi Ferrari 250 GTO kit is available from the usual sources.



Scale Motorsports has come out with decals for some of the latest Corvette ALMS cars, and Speedline has issued a set for the white #3 Ron Fellows special cars from Sebring and Mosport 2007.



SMS-200 1/25 BBV Corvette C6R Decals

## Media

In the July issue of *Model Cars* magazine, there is a nice three page spread on the Ferrari Expo 2008, held last April 12 at Continental Autosports in Hinsdale, IL. GTR was there. Also there are several pages of aftermarket stuff for the Ferrari Testa Rossa Hasegawa kit. And the October *Scale Auto* has a nice build up article on the kit.

Note: my build of the kit has not progressed since last month, so no news this time.

## Events

The 2008 IPMS National Convention was held last month in Virginia Beach. From the reports it was a good show, the model count was 2,474, second largest national turnout ever.



The World's Largest Hobby shop was there, as well as special sessions.

The organization business sessions produced the following awards and news:

- Chapter of the Year: IPMS Manila
- Newsletter of the Year: IPMS/Ocala
- The 2010 IPMS National Convention was awarded to Phoenix.



There are lots of pictures and more details at: [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org). In 2009 the Nationals will be in Columbus, Ohio.

Locally the fall Wheaton show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds is coming up on September 28.

See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. If any readers are aware of any other events of interest to GTR please send them along to me.

## Random Thoughts By Les Whitfield

I read in the August 6 issue of *National Speed Sport News* that ten F1 teams formed the Formula One Teams Association. This is meant to represent them as a unified front in negotiations and communications with the FIA and Formula One Management. Meetings have already taken place. It seems to me that this happens almost every year where these organizations start out but never last as some teams always drop out.

An item most car enthusiasts carry and an item I have used working at racetracks, the fire extinguisher, is being banned in England on the theory that most people won't use them correctly.

As anyone seen the recreation of the Scarab racecar at one of the local cruise nights? I saw it at Meijers', but it has appeared at the Cary and Barrington shows. It will be at the Meadowdale Reunion and at the Barrington Concours at Arlington Race Track. It is fantastic. The car is partially constructed at a Mig aircraft factory in Poland and assembled here.

Last Sunday was apparently the final race for the IRL season. I say apparently because I would not know and have not watched a race all year. I did watch the pre-race festivities of the Indy 500. I enjoy these events. I was puzzled by the odd commercial break and the abrupt return. Once these were over I thought about it and realized they did a commercial during the invocation. I am surprised they still allow the playing of the national anthem because it must offend one of the foreign drivers or team crew chiefs or race fans or sponsors more than a prayer. I have not watched any of the races this year, nor seen any commercials during the events since the change from methanol to ethanol. Methanol, a renewable energy source that comes from byproducts such as scrap from paper mills, was the fuel used for years on these racers. It was replaced by ethanol, a popular form of alcohol for fuel in other lands because it is derived from grasses there and not from food crops as it is in this country. My food bills have gone up so I do not follow the races. I no longer eat corndogs because I believe the corn is

needed to power their racecars and I do not wish to be politically incorrect.

We have all seen and heard about the digital format change to broadcast television with the relentless ads on TV. Well I thought I should get my government coupon for the converter box (I do not have cable or satellite). A friend of mine recently got his and told me some disturbing news. I understand that I will no longer be able to watch one program while taping another. That really puts a crimp on my viewing. If someone out there can tell me this is wrong I would appreciate the information. Please contact me at this publication. If this is the case the government has messed up another well functioning part of our lives. Now will I need to toss my fully functioning VCR (I also do not rent movies) into the garbage pile creating more electronic waste?

An episode of Nightly Business Report on PBS during the week of August 25 reported that the government offered supplies to the oil companies from the Strategic Oil Reserve in anticipation of damage the hurricane might cause. The only oil company responding was Citgo.

## GTR Classifieds

### **For Sale:** Selling Off Collection

Over 300 Plastic Kits: Tamiya, Fujimi, Hasagawa, Revell/Monogram, MPC, AMT and more 1/18th Diecast : Exoto, CMC, Auto Art, GMP, Minichamps, NASCAR, etc.

Resin Kits: Fisher, Renaissance, LeMans Miniatures, Profil 24, CMA, Scale Designs.

Most kits new, some slightly started, mostly race cars and exotics, ASA, Formula 1's.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, (815)334-1521, (815)566-2339, jedgeco@hotmail.com

### **Wanted:** window glass for Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit

Chuck Herrmann 847-516-0211

[www.gtrchab@yahoo.com](http://www.gtrchab@yahoo.com)

**Wanted:** 1. Right side door handle for Revell Chevelle station wagon (grip would be on right side of door button), original lost.  
2. Front tire for Monogram Lotus Esprit Sport 300, kit number 2970. The tire tree is engraved with 6260-2300 flea market kit complete except for tire.

Steve Jahnke 847-516-8515

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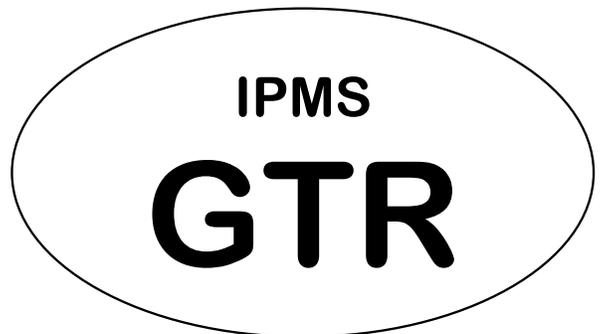
## Newsletters

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), Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA), IPMS/Racing Plastic Modelers (RPM), IPMS/Quad Cities, and Lake Michigan Model Car Club.

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

We have recently been receiving several others from new clubs, at the meeting I will have copies and we will discuss forwarding them to interested members.



## GTR News

### GTR Update

The September meeting will be Sept. 20 at Fountains of Crystal Lake. Due to light attendance at the August meeting we did not vote to approve the next year's NNL event, but based on the success this year we will probably do it again.

Any member who wants to bring up ideas or suggestions for this year's meetings or activities, do so at either at the meetings or contact me.

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA. We will be going through the annual re-charter process in October. That means I will update the member records, including national IPMS membership. A local chapter needs at least 5 national members to renew. Please let me know if you are a national member, I will probably be sending out emails to confirm. Or if you could join the IPMS it will help the club and the hobby. 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](http://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](http://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.

## August GTR Meeting

A lightly attended summer meeting meant that no real business was conducted. There were a few things on the display tables, here are some pictures.

Steve Jahnke: two painted Ferrari 599 bodies.



Also a Nissan Skyline in Aston Martin racing green.



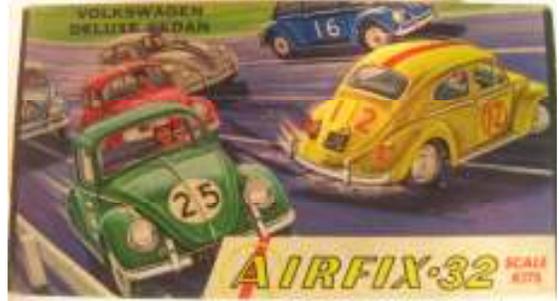
A Corvette CR6



And a Testor Maserati Merak kit from the 70's



Chuck Herrmann: some vintage kits acquired at the Summer GTR NNL, an Airfix 1/32 Beetle



and a Revell Super Safari dune buggy, 1969 vintage



Also a Revell 2004 Impala



and a Revell Ferrari F50 Barchetta, featuring



a paint job by Steve Jahnke.



## GTR Summer NNL Event Coverage

Here are some more photos of class winners from the GTR Summer NNL Event that I did not have in time for last issue.

Also I have added two pages to the GTR club website with more pictures and a list of all the winners and sponsors. Check it out at: [www.gtrautomodelers.com](http://www.gtrautomodelers.com)

### Award Winners

- **Competition Open Wheel**

Don Molitor, Sprint Car



- **Custom**

Al Stout, 1949 Mercury



Also there is a drivers autograph hour in the pits, below is Indy 500 winner Gil de Ferran who is now running his own Accura team in the series.



## Road America ALMS Race

The Road America round of the American LeMans Series was held August 7, 2008 in Elkhart Lake, WI. The weather turned out great, a nice crowd was on hand. There were a few more cars in the race this year than last, lots of great racing and photo ops. Lots of yellow flags meant that with about 20 minutes to go the first five cars were nose to tail on the same lap, this does not always happen in endurance races.



A great thing about the ALMS races is that you can get into the paddock all day to see the cars up close.



The race was four hours long, plenty of time to move around the circuit to see the cars from different vantage points. These are from Turn 6.





Cars peeling off into pit road during a yellow flag.



Canada corner at dusk.



The race ended about 8:20 pm, as darkness fell. Seeing the brake glow and exhaust flames at night is awesome.



Fireworks at the checkered flag.



Pit stop action.



The Andretti/Green team Accura spun off right in front of us while fighting for the lead in the last fifteen minutes.





## Revell 2006-2007 Mustang Kits Comparo

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85-2839 2006 Ford Mustang GT

85-4212 2006 Ford Mustang Shelby GT-H  
(Hertz Rent-a-Racer)

85-2097 2007 Ford Mustang Shelby GT 500

Reviewed by Steve Jahnke



Has it been over two years ago that Revell brought the new Mustang GT to market? I remember that after the first go around at the hobby shops these new Mustangs literally flew off the shelves and were soon very scarce to find, especially after cottage industry paint provider Leon Tefft of Cobra Colors immediately producing a full line of new lacquer colors for the new steed. Mustang fans soon scarfed up all of this new kit, and like me ordered the entire new paint pallet from Cobra Colors.

Around the first of August 2008, Revell released the long awaited follow-up to the '06 GT by bringing out two new Mustangs, the infamous Shelby GT-H rent-a-racer and the awesome GT 500. This review is a strictly out of box review only; it is to let you Mustang fans know what is in the box and what makes these new releases unique and worth adding to your collection. I am assuming that most of you already have the "old" GT or are familiar with it. Therefore I will be comparing the two new Shelby's to each other and the original GT release.



**Body Differences:** Changes were made to the original 06 GT body shell. Most notably, the new kits have been designed to accept new distinct and separate facias that define the series whereas the old GT's front fascia is molded to the body. Second, the rear clip of the new GT-H and the GT 500 has been re-worked around the dual exhaust cutouts with nerfing added whereas the old GT's rear cover is smooth. Because of these differences, I would presume that Revell has modified the old GT to accommodate these changes, therefore when the warehouses run out of the "old" GT we probably won't see it released again unless Revell runs it a special series 2 in 1 release like the new 68 Charger and the 70 Mustangs. The new GT-H is further defined by its bulbous and unique hood, distinct front fascia, Hertz specific gold only stripes and other GT-H specific decals. The GT 500 offers another unique to itself front fascia, a unique to GT 500 air extraction hood, as well as both white and Ford racing blue stripes and other GT 500 specific decals.

**Engine Differences:** Our GT is powered by the standard 300-horsepower 4.6-liter (281 cid) 24v modular V8, fed by a 55-mm dual-bore induction system transmitting power to the rear wheels through a standard 5-speed Tremec 3650 manual transmission. The GT-H is powered by the same 4.6-liter mill but brings 325 horsepower to the party though several internal and external mods but has the same outward appearance of the GT mill. The defining difference between the GT-H and the GT is the intake air box assembly, the GT having a one piece air box you would find under any car hood; the GT-H has a two piece cone-style type of air cleaner that allows more fresh air for the 90-mm cold air induction system. In reality the GT-H comes from Ford and Shelby Automotive with a 5 speed automatic, but our model still mates to the Tremac manual, a small point. The real differences begin when we look at

the GT 500 motor which is entirely new and different from the GT and GT-H motors as it is the supercharged Ford GT motor. This 5.4-liter (330 CID) block motor is new tooling for Revell. Revell captured the Roots type supercharger, induction system, twin cam cylinder heads and rocker covers very well, even to the cast iron high flow exhaust manifolds. This is a completely new and different motor for the pony.....or should I say wild stallion?



**Other Differences:** The GT 500 and GT-H each adds its own unique strut tower brace whereas our GT has none. In current Revell fashion, all cars are equipped with shiny metal exhaust tips and of course an excellent decal sheets for each. Of the recent new Revell kits that I have built, I believe that Revell has become the new standard of excellence in American kits that in most cases are as good as or better than the hallowed Asian kit makers have to offer, keep up the good work by adding value to re-issued kits.



**What to Buy:** Buy all three. If you haven't bought the 06 GT yet, eventually they will become scarce and all but go away except for swap meets and on-line vendors. With the single negative mentioned above about the GT-H's manual tranny there are several things to consider as life imitates art. The new Ford Shelby GT is essentially a retail sale version of the Hertz rental-only Ford Shelby GT-H, except a manual transmission is available. Other differences include the deletion of the rear spoiler, a retro hood scoop in place of the CS6/8 Shelby hood, and silver versus the gold stripes, with the car available in either white or black in 2007 and Grabber Orange or Vista Blue for 2008. A very limited number (100) Barrett Jackson Shelby GT's were built in 2008 as black with red stripes. What can I say about a blown Mustang, be it a Cobra or Shelby GT 500, buy it and imagine hearing the supercharged pony as it whines past you and blows your doors off. As a brand, the Mustangs may take a little bit of beating as compared to the newer and higher tech Charger and Camaros but old school is still way cool in my book.

Hey Revell, can a Shelby GT 500KR or a Shelby Super Snake be far behind?  
Recommended: 5 lug nuts, buy em.



# 2008 GTR Event Calendar

Sept 13-14 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Reunion of Meadowdale Raceway  
Raceway Woods Carpentersville, IL  
[www.meadowdalraceway.homestead.com](http://www.meadowdalraceway.homestead.com)

Sept 14 Red Bull Motorcycle GP  
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Sept 27 Nordic Con hosted by IPMS/Twin Cities  
Aero Historians North Aire Banquet Hall  
Minneapolis, MN  
Bernard Kugel 651-341-8701

Sept 28 52<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Past Time Hobbies 708-485-4544  
[pthpowerinc@aol.com](mailto:pthpowerinc@aol.com)

Oct 3-5 Barrington Concours d'Elegance  
Barrington and Arlington Heights, IL  
[www.barringtonconcours.org](http://www.barringtonconcours.org)

Oct 11 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Glue Crew Contest & Swap  
Howard Johnson Inn, Wausau, WI  
Joe Drew [jdrew09@charter.net](mailto:jdrew09@charter.net)

Oct 11 Toledo NNL and Toy Fair  
Maumee, OH

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

October 19 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show with 1/43<sup>rd</sup> Collectors Club  
Park Place of Countryside, IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

October 25 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Model Contest & Swap  
Circle City Modelers  
First Church of the Nazarene Indianapolis, IN  
Thomas Nungester 317-821-1110

October 25 Hobbytown USA Model Contest  
Hobbytown USA, Oshkosh, WI  
[www.HobbytownUSAoshkosh.com](http://www.HobbytownUSAoshkosh.com)

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

November 8 26<sup>th</sup> Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Model Contest and Swap  
Lakeview Jr HS, Downers Grove, IL  
Marco Fernandez [mfchi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfchi@sbcglobal.net)

Nov 8 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Nationals NNL  
Atlanta Model Car Enthusiasts  
Smyrna Comm Center, Smyrna GA  
[www.acme-ipms.com/2008\\_nnl.htm](http://www.acme-ipms.com/2008_nnl.htm)

December 7 Tinley Park Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

December 14 34<sup>th</sup> Milwaukee Miniature Motors Model Car Swap Meet  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI  
[www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukee-miniaturemotors.com)

**IPMS USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

**National Conventions:**

**2009 – Aug 19-22 Columbus, OH**

**2010 - Phoenix, AZ**

**2009 Region 5 Convention:**

**March 13-14 Madison, WI**

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