

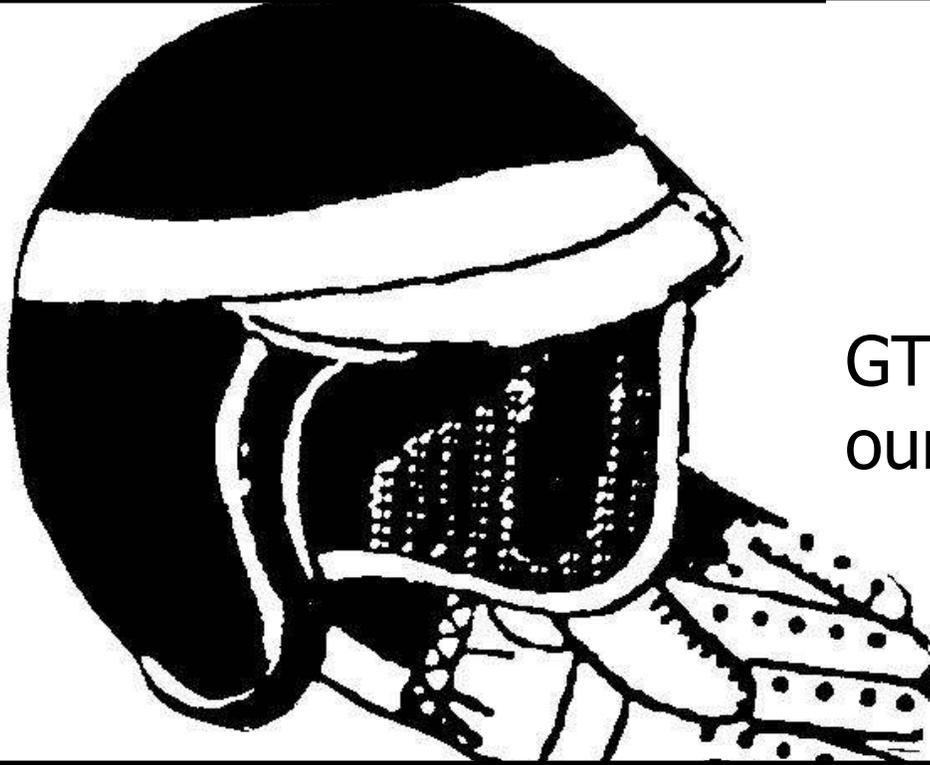


GTR

Newsletter

January 2009

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



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GTR Celebrates
our Tenth Year!

GTR Auto Modelers

Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs
2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year
2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year
2009 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.
Location alternates between member's homes and the Fountains of Crystal Lake
January Meeting at The Fountains of Crystal Lake
On Rt. 31 about one mile north of Rt. 176

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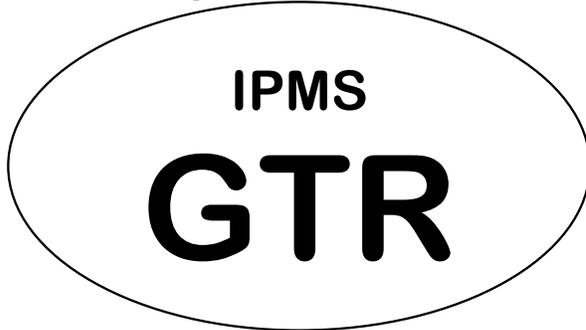
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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann



Industry News

Revell has announced that they will stop producing NASCAR kits in 2009. Apparently the licensing fees have become too much and/or too complicated to justify continued production. I wonder if this will begin to drive up prices on existing NASCAR kits?

Real World

Michael Schumacher returned to competition recently, winning the Nations Cup for Germany (with teammate Sebastian Vettel) at the ROC (Race of Champions) event at Wembley Stadium in London in December. WRC champ Sebastien Loeb won the individual title for the third time.



Return of Trans Am and Champ Cars

SCCA has announced that the Trans-Am Series will return in 2009. It will run to SCCA GT-1 Class rules and five races are scheduled on major SCCA regional dates. Road America is not included on the schedule published.

Also set to return to action are the CART open wheel racers, in a series called GreenPrixUSA sanctioned by IMSA.

The announcement indicates that the old Panoz and Reynard Champ Cars will compete with modifications to demonstrate green technology. The rights to the series have been purchased by businessman Ben Johnston who also purchased the Atlantic Series. We await

word on teams and drivers, while the first race is set for March 15 in Savannah, Georgia.

Money Woes

Auto racing has always been an expensive game. The world economic troubles continue to impact motorsports. In F1, Honda has dropped their program, but several buyers are rumored for the team and equipment. Also the "final" calendar excludes both the Canadian and French Grand Prix, supposedly for financial reasons.

Other manufacturers have cut back. Audi has dropped out of the American LeMans Series, but will run Sebring and LeMans. Subaru has pulled their iconic WRX from the FIA World Rally Championship. Kawasaki has dropped out of MotoGP. And NASCAR teams are slashing personnel and costs, even the legendary Petty Enterprises Team has shut down, merging into the Gillette Evernham team.

Media

Automotive References in Pop Music:

"It will put a smile on your face, to see a Chevy with a Soviet transmission.."

Jackson Browne *Going Down to Cuba*

From the album *Time the Conqueror 2008*

(Was this included in the GM bail out plan? – ed.)

Events

At the Rockford Classic Plastic Show on January 24, GTR will have a club table so members can bring in stuff to sell and friends can stop by to say hello.

The Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton will be February 22, not Feb 28 as I listed last issue. The fall show will be Sept 27. Call Past Time Hobbies at 630-969-1847 for details.

See the events calendar for details and for all the events that I know of. I will continue to add 2009 events; if any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

Newsletters

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

IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, AMG Milwaukee, IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, *The Wingman* from IPMS/Bong Chapter, Winnebago Auto Modelers (WAM), Maryland Auto Modelers Assoc (MAMA) and Lake Michigan Model Car Club (LMMCC).

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

GTR News



GTR Update

In 2009 IPMS/Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers will celebrate our 10th Anniversary. The first meeting was held January 16, 1999. The purpose was to form a club that kept our interest in racing and sports cars models alive, share our ideas, skills and enthusiasm, and to keep everything simple and fun. We will be commemorating the event in several ways, watch for details throughout the year. And thanks to all our members, friends and supporters throughout the last ten years.

For the first meeting of the New Year in January we will go back to the usual third Saturday. So the date will be January 17. To coincide with the first big race event of 2009, The Dakar Rally (in South America this year) the theme will be Rally and Off Road models and kits. Or of course whatever else you want to bring in.

GTR has decided to host the Summer GTR NNL again next year, and we have begun the planning process for 2009. We need to confirm the dates and locations but the goal is to have it the first weekend in August in the same format as last year.

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

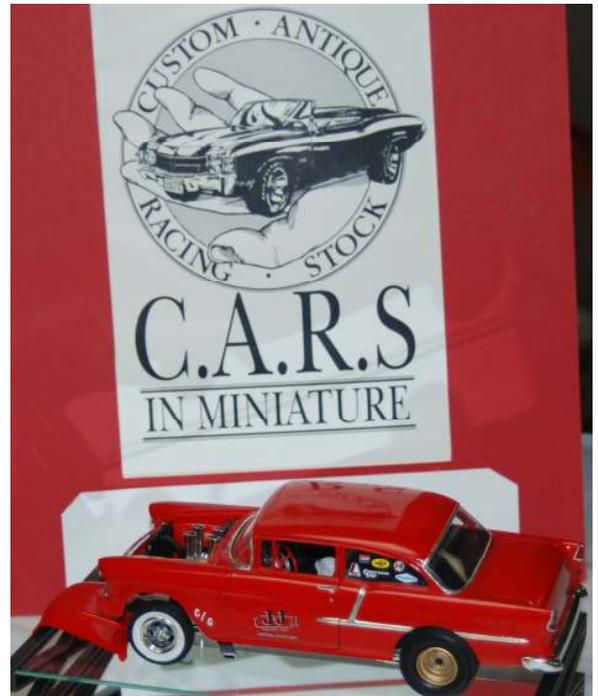
GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, and we have been renewed as a chapter for 2009. A local chapter needs at least five national members to renew, we are close as usual. If you could join IPMS it will help out the club and the hobby. I urge those who have lapsed to renew their IPMS/USA membership, or if you have never been a member enroll now! Details can be found at their web site, www.ipmsusa.org, or see me for membership forms.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are now available on line.

Go to www.carsandracingstuff.com, then click on Newsletters, 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.

December GTR Meeting

The December meeting was held in conjunction with the CARS in Miniature meeting on 12/13/08 at the Algonquin Townships Office in Crystal Lake. Thanks go out to CARS for letting us join them. There was no GTR business conducted. GTR turnout was light, but there were lots of models on the table along with a raffle and a Christmas gift exchange Here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.



Raffle table



Christmas Gift Exchange

December CARS/GTR Joint Meeting



It was a build night.



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. Also many slot cars.

Please contact: Dave Edgecombe, 815-566-2339 or jedgeco@hotmail.com

Wanted: Carb air box for the Revell Thunderbolt Fairlane, pristine or painted don't care
Contact Steve Jahnke at
stevejahnke@comcast.net or 847-516-8515

Wanted: Window glass for Revell Ferrari 612 Scaglietti kit. And windshield glass for AMT Ferrari 512BB kit 8687

Also, decals for SCTA (*Southern California Timing Assoc*) for a Bonneville Salt Flats racer project.

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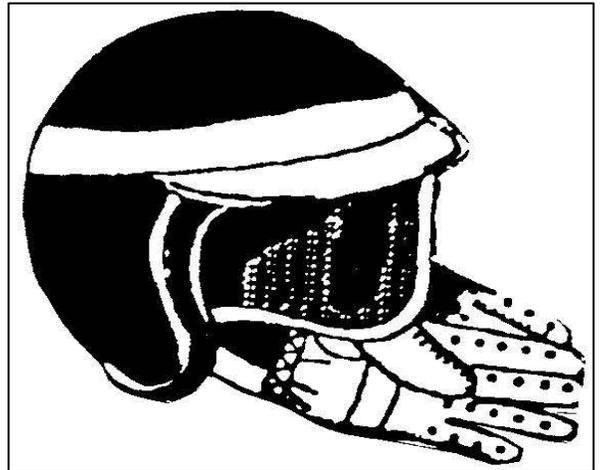
IPMS USA
International Plastic Modelers Society
National and Regional
Conventions:
2009 – Aug 19-22 Columbus, OH

2010 - Phoenix, AZ

2009 Region 5 Convention:

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2009 GTR Event Calendar

January 18 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

January 24 Classic Plastic Contest & Swap
Rockford, IL
Dan Myers dfmyers@aeroinc.net

Jan 30-31 IPMS/Zumbro 10th Annual Hope it
don't Snow Show
Grand Kahler Hotel Rochester, MN
edwardstdenis@msn.com

February 13-21 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago IL
www.chicagoautoshow.com

February 22 53rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
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March 9 Cedarville Model Car Swap and Contest
Cedarville, IL
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053

March 13-14 IPMS Region 5 Convention and
Mad City Modeler 14th Annual Show
IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Madison Area West Middleton, WI
Jim Turek 608-329-7222
jturek@tds.net

March 21 12 Hours of Sebring
ALMS Sebring, FL

March 28 Oshkosh Hobbytown USA Spring
Model Contest: featuring Revell 32 Ford kit
Hobbytown USA, Oshkosh, WI
www.hobbytownoshkosh.com

March 29 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy
Show with 1/43rd Collectors Club
Jim Welytok 262-246-7171 unievents@aol.com
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April 4 Somthingth Annual Event
Marquette, MI
Upper Penninsula (MI) Scale Modelers

April 18 Wisconsin NNL 17
Hosted by Automotive Modelers Group
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
mdowd@wi.rr.com scottiekl@charter.net

April 19 27th Annual Spring Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminaturemotors.com

April 18 23rd Annual NNL East
Wayne P.A.L Building, Wayne NJ
Tom Geiger nnleast@aol.com
www.nnleast.com

April 25 15th Annual Contest
IPMS/West Des Moines
Point of Grace Church, Waukee IA

April 25 Ferrari Expo
Continental Autosports, Hinsdale IL
Tom Tanner alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

April 30-May3 GSL-XXII Great Salt Lake
International Scale Vehicle Championship
Salt Lake Sheraton City Centre
www.gslchampionship.org

June 13-14 Heartland Model Car Nationals
Hosted by Kansas City Slammers
Overland Park Con. Center Overland Park KS
Bill Barker wlb19@yahoo.com

August 1 2nd Annual GTR Summer NNL
Theme: Brickyard
Algonquion Township Offices Crystal Lake, IL
Steve Jahnke stevejahnke@comcast.net
Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 19-22 IPMS/USA National Convention
IPMS/Eddie Rickenbacker
Greater Columbus convention Center
Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa2009.org

Sept 27 54rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage Country Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info: Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

October 22-25 iHobby Expo
Donald E. Stephens Conv. Ctr, Rosemont IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap
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Happy New Year 2009!

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Next GTR Meeting: January 17, 2009

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