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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.

No December GTR Meeting

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

The 2010 racing season kicks off January 2-16 with the Dakar Rally, like last year it is not in Africa but in Chile and Argentina. Daily TV coverage will be on the **Versus** cable network. Then the Daytona 24 Hours at the end of January followed by Daytona Speed Weeks to kick off the new year. Unfortunately the financial troubles at the Milwaukee Mile means no Indy Car races in Wisconsin for the first time, since Indy car racing started?

For 2010 Formula 1 will have more teams, lots of new driver/car combinations and also the Canada GP returns to the schedule, back in Montreal on June 13. The USGP team will make its debut; will they actually hire an American driver? Kyle Busch is rumored for 2011?

Danica to NASCAR (too)



After months of rumors Danica Patrick has confirmed she will drive a limited NASCAR Nationwide schedule in 2010 for Dale Jr's team as well as the full IndyCar schedule for Andretti Racing.

Media

Cars of the Stars

The art for the CD *Roadsinger*, by Yusuf (the singer formerly known as Cat Stevens) features a 60's era VW bus.



It appears that he had it restored with a paint scheme featuring his old hits and album covers and drives it around London. "Ride on the Peace Train"

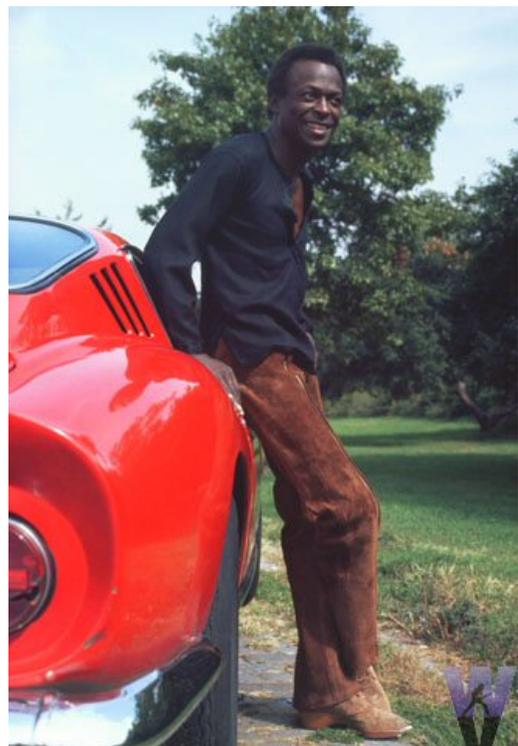
While reading the liners notes for the Miles Davis boxed set *The Complete On the Corner Sessions*, we learn that in the early 70's the legendary jazz trumpeter cruised around New York City in a Lamborghini Miura. It was equipped with a then state of the art cassette player (as opposed to the eight track players then in fashion).



So I did an internet search for Miles Davis Lamborghini Miura and found this on luxist.com:

Miles Davis is said to have driven his Miura around with a .357 Magnum stashed under the seat and enjoyed outrunning police cars while terrified passengers like Jimi Hendrix held on for dear life. He crashed the car in 1972, breaking both ankles in the process, and immediately ordered another.

He had other nice cars, like this 67 Ferrari 275 GTB/4.



GTR News



GTR Update

The November GTR meeting was sparsely attended. There will be no December meeting since it falls so close to the Christmas holidays. So the next GTR meeting will be January 16, 2010 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake.

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. We have just completed our annual renewal for 2010. However, a local chapter needs at least five national members to renew and again we barely had enough. So if you could join IPMS/USA 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.



Events

We are starting to learn the dates for some 2010 events. First, we are targeting August 8 for the 3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL. Details are being finalized. The Rockford show is January 24, GTR will have a club table as usual. The Wheaton swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds is February 28. The IPMS Region 5 Convention will be June 19-20 in Portage, IN. The Milwaukee NNL is April 10, GTR will have our display as usual. Then the Spring Waukesha swap is the next day. The Ferrari Expo at Continental Motor Sports in Hinsdale will be April

24. I will keep updating the calendar page as I get word.

See the events calendar for details and for all of the events that I know of. I am adding 2010 events as I confirm the details. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.

If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. If you did not let me know that you wanted a shirt, we ordered some extras but most are gone. I have three XL shirts left, cost is \$9, first come first served so contact me ASAP if you want one.

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 achieved back to 2004, more will be added. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

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: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version

Les Whitfield lwhitfield1@yahoo.com



Product Review: MotorHead Miniature Figures



By Chuck Herrmann

At the iHobby in October I came across the booth for MotorHead Miniatures. They feature a wide range of resin figures that come pre-painted in several scales, for car modelers there are 1/18, 1/24 and 1/32 series. They are nicely packaged in clear blister packs with attractive graphics. They also distribute the Spec Cast brand die casts. You can see all their products at www.motorheads4u.com.



There is the Fast Women series, of racy females to pose next to your models. Also there are mechanics and other figures in a variety of poses. Above are Kaitlyn and Duke (all the figures have names). The figures come in a choice of colors, both individually and in sets.



Above, Terry the mechanic.



Paulette



Above, Terry the mechanic and below Duke the singer, posed by the Monogram Tijuana Taxi.



They were selling these at the booth so I picked up four in 1/24 scale. These are relatively inexpensive, so the details are okay for posing next to models on the shelf but they are not contest level. Same goes for the paint finish. It would be possible to detail paint the figures to make them appear a bit more realistic. The subject matter to me seems a bit retro, 50's and 60's but there are lots of hot rods and muscle car models out there. They also have other diorama accessories under the brand name Hobby Gear.



Steve's Excellent Adventure at the iHobby Show

By Steve Jahnke



This last October, I had the opportunity to be a 'presenter' at one of the nation's premier hobby shows, the iHobby show at the Rosemont Convention Center for the Testors corporation. Through a mutual friend I was connected to one of the product development and marketing managers at Testors by the name of Adam Morrison. Adam was looking for a hobbyist that used and was familiar with their Aztec line of airbrushes and was willing to demo the airbrush at the show.



After a brief discussion of my long time use of Aztec airbrushes (I have several, an Aztec A430 hangs alongside my Paasche Model H single action in my spray booth) sealed the deal and I would use and present Aztec airbrushes to dealers and hobby store buyers on the first day of the show. I had a blast. Testors had a downdraft spray booth setup in one of their exhibit counters, air came from one their slick and extremely quiet compressors, the AC500 with holding tank. I spent the day using their A470 dual action airbrush, demonstrating the ease of use and cleanup to a wide variety of users and non-users.

I became "Joe Airbrush User" to the crowd; I had a great time extolling the virtues of the

Testors airbrush. The best 'selling' feature of the Aztec airbrushes is the ease of cleanup for a dual action airbrush and economy of maintenance for the line. Many of my friends own Aztecs as well as other brands of dual action airbrushes such as Paasche V's Badgers, and Iwata's. We compare the amount of time spent spraying paint on a model, cleaning the brush between colors and final cleanup between the traditional dual actions and the Aztec, the Aztec always comes out ahead. Second, there are nine different spray nozzles for the Aztec line for acrylic and solvent based paints priced around \$13 retail so if the airbrush becomes unusable, a new nozzle gets you going again 99.9% of the time.

Who hasn't dropped their airbrush on floor and damaged the spray needle or metal nozzle? In this area the economies of the Aztecs shine through. When you forget to clean the airbrush, walk away to answer the phone or have a horrific clog because you try to use old paint, the Aztec nozzle can be disassembled and stripped down (Testors doesn't officially recommend it). Throw the disassembled parts into a small container of Super Clean (my favorite) or lacquer thinner (wear eye and hand protection with both is a must) for a thorough and complete cleaning. Believe me; I still have nozzles from my first Aztec that I still use today.

The best part of this adventure was talking with the show goers. I spoke at length with many hobby shop owners that carried airbrushes as a sideline to their paint lines but had never used or understood the differences between single and double action airbrushes.

It was a kick to put an Aztec in their hands for the first time and see their reaction. I spoke with one lady from Texas that builds models for customers at her store. I asked her what brand she uses and she replied Badger because a dealer gave her the brush long ago.

She used the Aztec and really liked it, I got her business card and Testors gladly sent her one of their Aztec brush sets. Did I have fun? Look for me at the Testors booth next year.



2010 GTR Event Calendar

Jan 2-12 Dakar Rally
Chile and Argentina

Jan 24 RWIS Classic Plastic
Rockford, IL

Jan 30-31 Daytona 24 Hours

Feb 6 Hope It Don't Snow Show
IPMS/Zumbro Valley Scale Modelers
Ramada Hotel, Rochester, MN
[George Romano](mailto:George.Romano@infonet.isl.net) 507 281 4175
romano@infonet.isl.net

Feb 14 Daytona 500

Feb 28 55th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

Mar 14 Cedarville Toy Show & Model Car Contest
Jane Addams Com. Center, Cedarville IL
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053
scootersmalibu@netscape.net

Mar 20 Sebring 12 Hours ALMS

April 10 IPMS/Mad City Modelers
Radisson Hotel, Madison, WI
Michael Luedke 262-567-9147

April 10 16th Annual IPMS Plastic
Surgeon's Contest
Valley Free Church, West Des Moines, IA
[Rob Folden](mailto:Rob.Folden@wdm.plasticsurgeons@gmail.com) 515-661-1217
wdm.plasticsurgeons@gmail.com

April 10 Milwaukee NNL 18
Hosted by AMG
Excellence Center, Waukesha WI
Scottiek1@chater.net

April 11 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring
Scale Model Show
Waukesha County Expo Center
www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com

April 17 24th Annual NNL East
Wayne, NJ

April 24 Ferrari Expo
Continental Motorsports, Hinsdale IL
alfaromeo2465@yahoo.com

May 1 Hoosier Model Car Assoc. 30th Annual
Miniature Vehicle Collectors Swap and Contest
First Church of the Nazarene Indianapolis, IN
indyhmca@hotmail.com

May 30 Indy 500

Jun 10 12th Annual NNL North
Bloomington, MN
Jun 12-13 LeMans 24 Hours

June 19-20 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention
Portage, IN

July 11 2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic Model
Car Show and Swap
Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club
American Legion Hall, Delavan WI

July 25 Brickyard 400

July 30-Aug 1. Model Car Contest by C.A.R.S. in
Miniature, in conjunction with The Indian
Uprising Car Show
St Charles, IL

August 4-7 IPMS/USA National Convention
Phoenix, AZ

August 8 3rd GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Offices
Cary, IL
gtrchab@yahoo.com

Sept 26 56th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton, IL.
For info call Past Time Hobbies @ 630-969-1847

October 21-24 iHobby Expo
Donald Stephens Convention Center
Rosemont, IL
www.iHobbyexpo.com

October 2 Petit LeMans ALMS, Road Atlanta GA

The logo for IPMS USA features the letters "IPMS" in a large, bold, black font, followed by "USA" in a similar font. A small globe icon is positioned between the "S" and "U".

International Plastic Modelers Society

**2010 Region 5 Convention:
Hosted by IPMS/Duneland – Portage, IN
National and Regional Conventions:
2010 Nationals: Aug 4-7 Phoenix, AZ
2011 Nationals: Omaha, NE
No 2011 Region 5 Convention**

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Happy Holidays from GTR!



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