

GTR Newsletter

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The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers

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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
2010 Meetings: Every 3rd Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

**March Meeting is at The Fountains of Crystal Lake
On Rt.31. about one mile north of Rt. 176**

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

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GTR Mailbag

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

The Indy Racing League is due to come up with a new car format for the 2012 season. Several proposals are under consideration but the most dramatic is the Deltawing.

A futuristic design, reminiscent of a land speed record car, would be powered by a two liter turbo engine producing half the horsepower (approximately 300hp) of current IRL engines but would still be able to hit 235 mph due to aerodynamics and a low weight of 1,000 pounds. And to would use half the fuel and be half the cost of the current cars.



Above is the prototype which was on display at the Chicago Auto Show last month. A representative told me that the final version would have several modifications, such as adjustable fins and other aero parts. A video simulation showed what the cars would look like in action – it was very strange. They don't look too bad at Indy but strange on a road course. Personally I would not be in favor but maybe Indy Car, and the Indy 500 need to do something radical to regain the public's attention in their marketing duel with NASCAR. Several major IRL owners and drivers are said to be in support of the new car. See more details at:

www.deltawingracing.com

New Lotus F1 Team

The Lotus name returns to F1 racing in 2010, after an absence of almost 20 years. Obviously a whole different factory and crew, but at least for the press launch they kept the classic green and yellow color scheme.



Media

Auto References in Pop Music

While listening to some Louisiana music last month, in honor of Mardi Gras, I ran across this. From the CD *Levee Town* (2000) by Sonny Landreth, the song *The U.S.S. Zydecoldsmobile*:

*You can feel the horses under the hood,
Through thick and thin pull us out of the wood.
She's the smoothest ride, yeah, you'll ever feel
She's the delta slide of automobiles...
Come ride with me in Zydecosmobile*

Hobby Industry



Fujimi has announced a new 1/20 McLaren Honda MP4/5kit. Kit FUJ09057 will be all-new tooling of the magnificent McLaren Honda MP4/5 Formula One racer that will represent the car as raced in the 1989 Monaco Grand Prix, where Ayrton Senna and Alain Prost drove to a 1-2 finish. It is scheduled to be available in Japan in March.

From the Belgian hobby dealer Domino, there will be a series of WRC rally kits combining the Tamiya Ford Escort Cosworth kit with decals and accessories from Renaissance and Studio 27. Both WRC rally versions and sports racing versions will be available. For more details and to see what their retail shop looks like go to:

www.domino.be

Events

GTR will have a club display at the Milwaukee NNL 18 on April 10.

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.



GTR News



GTR Update

The next GTR meeting will be March 20, 2010 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake.

There will be no regular April meeting; instead we will again have our annual club display at the Milwaukee NNL in Waukesha. Members should bring some finished models to put on the display. We may have some road trip meetings after that, watch for details.

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

For 2010 the annual dues for GTR will remain at \$15. Please pay up at the next meeting or mail to me (checks made out to Chuck Herrmann, **not** GTR please).

If you ordered a GTR T-Shirt but haven't gotten yours yet let me know. I have three XL shirts left, the 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.

3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL News

The 3rd Annual GTR Summer NNL will be August 8 at the usual location, the Algonquin Township offices in Cary, IL. The theme is EuroCars, any automotive subject that is manufactured in Europe. We are now selling trophy packages for \$35.

February 2010 GTR Meeting

The February meeting was held Feb 20 at The Fountains of Crystal Lake. It was a lightly attended meeting so it was rather short and no business was discussed, just a few models on display and some modeling talk.

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 jedgenco@hotmail.com

Wanted: One rear wheel and tire for the IMC/Testors 1/24 Ford GTmkIV kit.

Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

Wanted: Italeri #669 Ferrari 365GTB4 Daytona race version

Les Whitfield lwhitfield1@yahoo.com

IPMS News



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.

IPMS USA
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

The 2010 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention will be June 19-20 at Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN. For details see:

www.ipmsduneland.com

Kit Build: Fujimi 2008 VW GTI



Subject: 2008 VW Golf GTI
Manufacturer: Fujimi **Kit#**123158 **Scale:** 1/24
By Chuck Herrmann



Subject: The 2008 model year was the fifth generation GTI from VW. The GTI is the sporty performance version of the Golf/Rabbit.

Kit: This is a curbside kit, typical of this style of modern Japanese designed kits. The body is molded white, the rest of the parts are grey with chrome and clear plastic. Everything comes packaged in separate plastic bags in a sturdy bow with nice box art – I would have preferred some different angles of the car on the box to help with the build. This kit is not too easy to come by in the U.S. My usual shop was unable to obtain one, so I picked mine up while on vacation, at Hammer Hobbies in Springfield, IL. This has been the only shop I have seen it.



Body: The body is one piece, with a sunroof. The molding is very crisp, the plastic was a smooth, glossy white – the finish was so nice I felt bad sanding it to prep for painting! There is a multi piece grille assembly in front which captures the look of the real car. The window glass is one large piece that attaches from the inside. There is a mask included to help paint the black window trim. The head and tail lights are multiple pieces, in chrome and clear – you need to use clear red and orange for the turning lights and tail lights, which capture the look and depth of modern lights very nicely.

Chassis: The main chassis pan features nice engraved detail. The suspension pieces all are separate, as is the bottom portion of the engine and transmission. The wheels attach using the rubber bushing common to this types of kit. The wheels are a satin chrome finish, mounting low profile rubber tires.



Interior: There is a multi piece tub assembly that attaches to the top of the chassis, front seats are separate. The real cars had all black interiors so that is how I did mine.



Summary: At first glance I thought this looked too big for 1/24. But looking at some VW literature for this car lined up along the prior generations it is taller and heftier. I painted my example Testor Boyd's Sunset enamel shot through an airbrush. This is not a standard color for the GTI, but there were some special edition GTIs in an orange that looks to be a shade lighter than this paint. Body markings and dash details are decals which went on fine. My chassis is body color, the real ones aren't but I think it shows off the suspension details. Everything went together well, no fit problems.

First Look: Fujimi Fiat 500 F1GP



Subject: Fiat 500 F1GP Version
Mfg : Fujimi **Kit#:** 123783 **Scale:** 1/24
By Tim Leicht

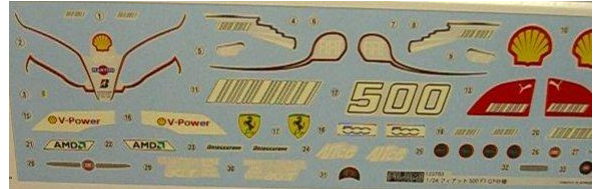
So there I am surfing the net, looking for a new kit of the new Fiat 500 and lo and behold, I find a race liveried version of this newest car from Fiat of Italy! This latest version of the classic Fiat nameplate is the “evolutionary” model of the old Fiat 500, produced from 1957- 1975. This car was about the same size as the Trabant and the Citroen 2CV. It was powered by a small 500cc engine and made for in town use on the small narrow streets of Italy and other countries. The race cars were put together by Abarth and were quite successful in road racing. Let’s take a look at the kit.



This is a curbside kit from Fujimi. However, the interior is nicely detailed. The seats are nice buckets with side bolsters. The interior tub has separate door panels, along with the shift handle and park brake as separate pieces. It comes with a left hand drive dashboard. Decals are included for the instruments.

The body is one piece with separate front and rear lower valance panels and a rear hatch spoiler. The doors, hood and trunk do not open. The body is crisply molded with no sinkholes or

flash. The glass is one piece, and templates are provided for the black out portions of the glass. However, they are printed on paper so they must be traced to masking tape in order to use them on the glass. The headlights and taillights are chrome with clear lenses provided. The decal sheet is kinda cool with obvious ties to the Ferrari F1 cars. The hood decals depict an F1 front wing shape and the side decals try to visualize the lower valance sides of an F1 car, along with Shell oil logos. There are black out decals, well actually red, for rear quarter glass windows.



The chassis plate is one piece with all suspension components molded as separate pieces. The front spindles are poseable, and the tie rod snaps into place to allow the wheels to steer. The bottom part of the motor is molded in and the kit provides both axles to attach to the spindles. There are separate brake pieces at all four corners. Wheels and tires are nicely molded with turbine style wheels and I assume Bridgestone tires, considering the decals on the car. The exhaust is separate and chrome plated with a nice oval tip on the rear muffler.

This is a nice kit, typical of Fujimi lately. It’s another kit with of lot’s of possibilities and would make a great start for a race car project. While you don’t need the F1 GP version, I think I’ll build mine with the kit decals. I highly recommend this kit.



The original Fiat 500.

GTR Summer NNL

3rd Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers

Theme:



EUROCARs

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

**The Summer NNL will be held on
Sunday August 8th 2010
from 9:30AM to 2:00PM at the
Algonquin Township Building, 3702
US Highway 14, Crystal Lake,
Illinois 60014**

For the out-of-towners, there are tons of local accommodations from Days Inn to Holiday Inn.

Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we will raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Awards: Contest participants vote on Best of in each class, Best Theme and People's Choice

Classes:

GTR NNL contest officials reserve the right to move your model to the correct class.

Models that have won previous IPMS Regional or National awards cannot compete for trophies but will gladly be accepted for display.

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| Competition Open Wheel | All scales | F1, Indy, Drag, etc |
| Competition Closed Wheel | All scales | NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag |
| Street | All scales | Street legal: Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock |
| Custom | All scales | Modified custom vehicles |
| Commercial | All scales | Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency |
| Motorcycles | All scales | All types |
| Curbside | All scales | All types:Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers |
| Out of the Box | All scales | All types:No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil |
| Theme | All scales | Any automotive subject that is produced in Europe. |

Examples: Ferrari, Porsche, Fiat, Yugo, Renault, VW, Lotus, Mercedes, Ducati, Smart, Citroen, Mini, BMW, Opel
Includes: Production cars, Racing cars, Motorcycles, Trucks

People's Choice Any model in the contest.

Contact: gtrchab@yahoo.com

See: www.gtrautomodelers.freesevers.com



2010 GTR Event Calendar

Mar 14 Cedarville Toy Show & Model Car Contest

Jane Addams Com. Center, Cedarville IL
Scott Baldauf 815-369-2053
scootersmalibu@netscape.net

Mar 20 17th IPMS/Roscoe Turner Contest & Swap
Raymond Park Middle School, Indianapolis IN
www.ipmsroscoeturner.org

Mar 28 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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@dm.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.milwaukeeminiautormotors.com

April 17 24th Annual NNL East
Wayne, NJ

April 24 Ferrari Expo with Model Contest
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 1 IPMS/Lippisch Contest & Show
Eastern Iowa Airport, Cedar Rapids, IA
Charles Kucera 319-389-0877

Jun 6 12th Annual NNL North
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington, MN
www.RPModelClub

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June 19-20 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention
Willowcreek Middle School, Portage, IN
www.ipmsduneland.com

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
Keith 262-728-1483 or Rick 262-728-5003

July 17 NIMCON hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, McHenry IL
See www.lrsm.org or contact pjp68@comcast.net

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
www.ipmsusa2010.org

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 16 IPMS/Glue Crew Contest
Howard Johnson Conf Center, Wausau, WI
Joe Drew 715-842-0173

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

Oct 17 Countryside Collector's Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside Union Hall,
6240 Joliet Road Countryside Illinois
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 5 Tinley Park Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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