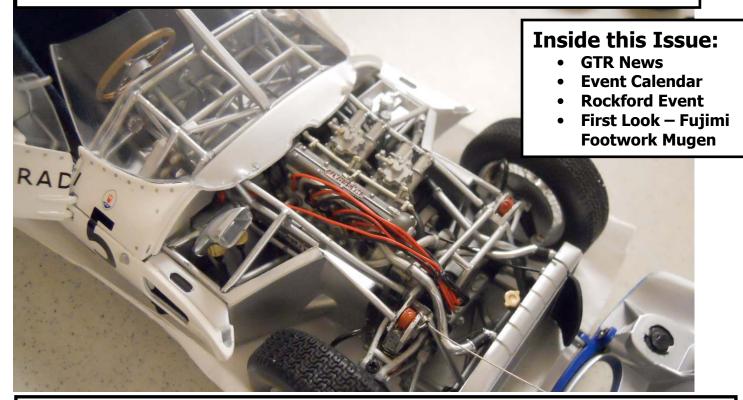


# GTR Newsletter March 2012

The Newsletter of IPMS Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers



**GTR Auto Modelers** 

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## **From The Prez**

OK, here we go. The 2012 race season is now in full swing. I watched the Nationwide race yesterday and as always, the Nationwide series never disappoints with excitement. It was a crash fest. While the action was there, the two car drafting was kind of boring. NASCAR really has to do something about that on the high speed ovals. It makes multi car teams stay up front and the rest without a chance to compete. I hope the Cup race is more exciting.

So, I hope you all got some modeling done over the winter even though it was so mild out this year. I was able to spend some time in the model shop and was glad I did because it relaxes me. It's kind of like therapy, without the shrink of course. I was also able some work done on my real race car, in preparation for the upcoming season. Looks like it gonna be a good year for us at the track. By the way if anyone in the club would like to see a race this year, contact me for details and dates. While it's not the Trans Am circuit, you get to see all kinds of race cars the same day, from showroom stock to open wheel and LOTS of close racing action a few yards from your vantage point.

Enjoy the rest of the mild winter. I think whatever snow happens in the next month weatherwise won't be on the ground for long and will probably melt the day or two afterward. Keep on building and hope you can make the next meeting.

Tim Leicht



by Chuck Herrmann REAL WORLD DOME returns to LeMans



Japanese racing-car manufacturer Dome is returning to the Le Mans 24 Hours with the Le Mans-based Pescarolo Team. The Japanese constructor is producing a heavily updated version of its Judd-powered S102 coupe that raced at Le Mans in 2008.

#### **Bigger Fiat 500**



#### Fiat 500L

Fiat SpA has announced the name of a new model in the 500 family that will make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show in March.

The 500L is the newest addition to the 500 range after the souped-up Abarth and convertible Cabrio versions, with L standing for "large." The five-seater is on a slightly larger platform than the modern version of the iconic city car launched in 2007 and replaces the now phased-out Multipla(in Europe)

The 500L is being produced at the Fiat factory in Kragujevac, Serbia, and will be introduced in Europe at the end of 2012. Fiat says the vehicle will be initially offered with two gas engines and a turbodiesel. We await US plans, if any.

#### **Return of the Milwaukee Indy Race**

Local race fans have a reason to cheer, as the IZOD IndyCar Series will return to race at the Milwaukee Mile courtesy of a group coowned by Michael Andretti. The event will be held Saturday June 16. Andretti co-owns Andretti Sports Marketing as well as IndyCar team Andretti Autosport. IndyCar did not include Milwaukee on its initial calendar because no legitimate promoter had come forward with a detailed plan. Andretti said he thinks Milwaukee can be a viable venue, enough to encourage Wisconsin State Fair Park officials to invest long-term in the facility.

"It's a historic track in a great city, and it's a place that has always been a favorite for my family," said Andretti, who won five races as a driver and three as a team owner at the 1-mile oval. "But more importantly, it's an ideal track for Indy-cars and always produces exciting racing for the fans."

The addition of Milwaukee gives IndyCar 16 races for the upcoming season. Five of them are oval tracks: Indianapolis, Texas, Iowa, Milwaukee and California.

### **Special Jeeps for Ferrari F1 Drivers**



Two very special Jeeps were recently handed over to F1 pilots Felipe Massa and Fernando Alonso in Italy. Both vehicles feature a special trim with exclusive styling details and the bright, Rossa Corsa shade from Italian exotic automaker, Ferrari.

Now that Chrysler-Fiat is all one happy family, it makes sense for the Chrysler Group to leverage the most valuable asset in its alliance, the Ferrari brand. The Jeep Grand Cherokee SRT8 packs a 6.4L Hemi V8 with 465-hp and 465 lb-ft of torque and has a 0-60 mph time of just 4.8 seconds and a top speed of 160-mph. The pair of personalized Grand Cherokees are the first of the new SRT8 high performance version to hit European shores. It will go on sale this summer in Europe. Monogram in 2007, and has bought several other model and R/C brands. And Hobbico has now reunited the US and global operations of Revell.

### Slixx Closing Down!

"Dear Valued Customers, We would like take just a brief moment to thank you all for your support over the past 19 years.

Many of you have be-come a big part of our Slixx family. We have come to the hard decision

to stop production of Slixx decals. We will be finishing up a few grille sheets and 1/16th scale

drag goodie sheets that are currently in production, but those will be the last Slixx decals produced. We will be selling off our existing

inventory until they are gone. Again, thank you so much for the support over the years. We wish you all the best in the future.

> Sincerely, Gene & Becky Sisemore"

### **Revell Germany Releases**



### Ferrari Barn Find



At the Retromobile show last month, this 1954 Ferrari 250 Monza roadster made an appearance. Located several years ago in a barn in Uruguay and now mated up with its original 3 liter V-12 engine, this hulk is valued at \$6.58 million. As is!

### INDUSTRY NEWS Reveil Germany Sold!

Hobbico, the corporate owner of Revell Monogram (US) headquartered in Champaign, IL, has just acquired Revell Germany. Revell Germany was started in 1956 as part of the Revell brand, but it was spun off as a separate company in 2006. Hobbico bought Revell Last month the Spielwarenmesse International Toy Fair took place in Nurnberg, Germany. Much of the coverage I saw on the web was not in English, but Revell Germany did have some new 1/24 stuff from the show on their website.



07085 Ferrari 250 GT SWB Berlinetta – this looks like a repop of the old Esci/AMT kit



07090 Ferrari SA Aperta is an open version of their earlier Ferrari 599 GTO



07086 Audi A4 DTM 2011 "M. Rockenfeller" -the Audi DTM kit updated with 2011 markings



07093 London Taxi. The typically black-painted classic British taxi which was in production up to 1997. I have seen references on the internet saying it is an IMAI mold repoped?

### Round 2 New Tires Coming! (From www.Round2.com)

The Kats at AMT have taken notice of some tire tools that are reaching their "end of life," so to speak. They've worn out past the point of repair, and the time has come to re-create them, with a goal to increase realism and enhance their details.

First up is the classic Firestone "Deluxe Champion" stock tire. This tire has had to be retooled a couple of times already over the years, as it's used in so many kits. The earliest 1/25 replica of this tire became dubbed the "Trophy Series" tire, as it was generic without any sidewall lettering. Later retools saw Firestone lettering added and changes in the style and accuracy of the tread pattern. The new incarnation of the tire has improved detail, featuring an accurate tread pattern, engraved Firestone lettering as well as the "F" crest and associated "Gum Dipped" lettering. The nonwhitewall version of the tire will have the size and "Deluxe Champion" lettering pad printed on.

Next up are two different sizes of the venerable muscle car tire: Goodyear's Polyglas GT. <u>AMT</u> had the larger L60.15 size found in dozens kits over the years. <u>MPC</u> had the smaller F60.15 size version, which is known for its overly thick raised lettering, and for being included in kits like many of the 70's Pro Stock series. Comparing the two, <u>AMT</u>'s larger version

is much more true to the appearance of the 1:1 rubber. So it was decided to retool the smaller MPC version to more closely match with the larger AMT version, in order to have a good looking "big 'n little" set of tires. The best part? Since the real tires all had white lettering (with one of two variations - with or without the size included) the Kats are going to pad print the lettering on the tires. They will look spectacular, ready to go right out of the box! No need to try and paint those tiny details. Look for them to appear in AMT's reissue of the all-time classic Pony car: the 1966 Ford Mustang and others later in the year. (ed: maybe we will see additional tire parts packs to allow updates to your older kits? Round 2 certainly has been enthusiastic in their products, with great packaging and attention to detail).)

### Random Thoughts

### By Les Whitfield

Did you hear about the store selling NFL paraphernalia that was raided by government agencies including **Homeland Security**? No wonder most terrorist acts, such as the bombs in *Times Square* and near *Wrigley Field*, were spotted by local merchants and not them. Did you know every federal agency has its own S.W.A.T. team? Including the Department of Education.

Autoweek magazine reports Honda, or is it Acura, is bringing back the NSX. It was developed by their research division in the good ol' U S of A and will be built in Ohio. I guess American know-how and manufacturing capabilities are still here. Too bad it takes people from outside this country to notice it.

In another vein, those Chevrolet Volts are having a problem with the batteries exploding in certain crashes. Sales are dismal for the vehicle so it seems the government will be buying them to appear they are popular.

Slow automobile sales are a problem and the want for used cars is up. Anyone remember the government buy out several years ago? Used cars were destroyed, not all of them bad.

Comments from a friend are the big "O" has used her *Facebook* page to tell her fans to tune on to her program. He surmised that since she has her cable network people now have to pay to see her. He also stated she no longer gives away gifts to the audience so what do the fans need her for any longer.

Thoughts about greed, sorry...safety, has lead the government to allow speed cameras around schools and parks in Chicago. What amazes me about it all is most schools and parks are on side streets. At those locations they have speed humps that my Deville bottoms out on. Now why would they place them there? Most school zones on main thoroughfares have traffic lights or stop signs with a crossing guard. Along with these plans they will have these cameras activated until 10:00 PM! Violators will receive a ticket in the mail, but will not affect their driving record, as the cameras will not be able to recognize the driver. I have now heard their licenses will be suspended after five tickets. How do they know who is driving?

Over the last few years I have noticed the increase of tattoos on younger girls. They seem to be emulating the fellows in *extreme fighting*. Well I have to chuckle because I believe in two generations those will no longer be popular. I can just see it when the kids see grandma's tats sagging in different directions.

The new Ferrari FF is one massive car in stature (I would like mine in maroon). Anyhow, to give this automobile grand touring status the manufacturer is loading it up with accessories such as navigation systems. *Car and Driver* magazine mentions the nav screen is "right out of the Chrysler parts box". For those of you not aware, both Ferrari and Chrysler are owned by FIAT. My late friend insisted the door handles on his Mondial 8 were from a FIAT!

The other day I was driving along in the right lane with my cruise control set at 55 just to see what the mpg was at that time. Several cars sped by on the left lane. I noticed some dark car dawdle in my blind spot for some time. Oh yes, one of the states finest must have wondered who could this be obeying the law. He must be suspect. Why not search for... you fill in the blank.

How many of you back off early when approaching a stop sign because there is a car in front of you or at the cross street. This way you don't have to stop twice before crossing the intersection. The car never moves but sits in front of you and watches in the rear view mirror 'till you have to stop behind them. As if they are control freaks needing have to control someone else's life. *I mean...WHAT??!!!* 

Well you might not agree but these are my random thoughts.

### **EVENTS**

This month the Cedarville event is March 11. And the Ferrari Expo at Continental Motorsport in Hinsdale was set for March 17. GTR will have club tables at both events.

Also in March are the Stooges event in Milwaukee and a new 1/43 Scale Expo, right across the street from the Countryside event in Hillside March 25.

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

### 2012 GTR Summer NNL

We are happy to announce the fifth annual GTR Summer NNL will be held next year. The date will be August 5, 2012. The format and location will be the same as prior shows. The theme will be Dirt: Off Road Vehicles, anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Such as dune buggies, rally racers, dirt track sprints, midgets and stockers, construction equipment and more. We will again have a sub theme, this time it will be commemorating 50 years of the Daytona 24 Hours race, any subject that was or is eligible to compete in the event is eligible.

#### **Dirt Theme Kits**

There are a lot of kits that will fit our 2012 GTR theme of DIRT. So even if you don't necessarily build off road kits, I will publish several pictures and suggestions over the coming months, for kits that are eligible for the theme for inspiration! This month we feature a newly released theme eligible kit:



Just in time for the 2012 GTR NNL Dirt theme, Revell is reissuing their 1/24 sprint car. Kit 85-4942, is now in the 2011 Steve Kinser Bass Pro Shops markings.



### **GTR Update**

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, March 3, at the Algonquin Township Building. Also in March we will have club tables at the Cedarville show March 11<sup>th</sup> and the Ferrari Expo March 17.

Until we firm up any alternate plans or events the regular monthly meetings will meet at the Township. The April meeting will be April 7th.

#### **Rockford Classic Plastic**

After some last minute scheduling conflicts last year canceled the event, the 2012 Rockford Plastic Classic event was held Sunday January 29 at the Ken Rock Center in Rockford. We had reserved club tables in the swap room so GTR members could bring in their stuff to sell or just come and hang out. The vendor count seemed a little down from previous years but most GTR guys reported making sales in the vendor room. Steve Jahnke, Doug Fisher and your editor all won awards in the model contest.



Some of the GTR crew, below our display.





Kits from the contest.



One of the first built Hudson kits...



Lots of Show rods and customers.



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

We are now accepting 2012 GTR dues. The cost will remain at \$15.00, bring it to the next meeting or mail it to me. Make checks out to Chuck Herrmann, not to GTR, please.

Past issues of the GTR newsletters are available on line.

Go to <u>www.carsandracingstuff.com</u>, then click on Newsletters, find GTR and our newsletters are achieved back to 2004. Thanks to Bill Crittenden for storing our newsletters on his site.

### 2012 GTR Club Project

If during the next year GTR members build a model that fits the Summer NNL themes (Dirt: Off Road and 24 Hours of Daytona: Sports Racing cars) and present it (or via an emailed photo) at a club meeting or event before the GTR Summer NNL you will get your club dues of \$15 refunded.

### February GTR Meeting

The regular February 2012 GTR meeting was held at the Algonquin Township Office on February 4. For the business portion of the meeting we voted to buy two club tables at the Cedarville show on March 11, and we went over the treasury and mailbag. Then it was on to Show & Tell.

**George Pritzen:** AMT Willy Coyote, done up in US Postal Service colors!



**Tim Leicht:** Minichamps die cast 1/18 Maserati Birdcage (see cover photo for great engine details), and



a Revell Germany 1/24 McLaren F1 kit in progress, and.....



a resin kit of the 1999 LeMans Mercedes CLR (the one that went flipping over into the woods....)



**Dave Edgecomb:** two resin pieces by Historic Racing Miniatures: the V-12 engine transkit for the Fujimi Ferrari p4, and a conversion for the Fujimi Ferrari Daytona. Also three Hasegawa rally car kits, the Lancia 037 from 1984, a Lancia Stratos, and a 1922 Lancia Super Delta....



and finally Revell ASA Camaro kit in prpgress.



Steve Jahnke: Revell BMW 320i kit.



**Jim Brooks:** autographed AJ Foyt piston, die cast Dodge drag car.



**John Walzak:** a rare 1/20 1956 Lincoln Continental kit by Ideal.....



two MPC Pontiac kits, a 72 Grand Prix and a 71 GTO, and a Jimmy Flintstone resin Hudson wagon body for the new Mobieus kit.



**Chuck Herrmann:** a built "Black Baron" Custom T Roadster, based on the Revell Red Baron recent reissue.



Also a 1/20 MPC Shalako GT dune buggy glue bomb project hopefully to be done by the NNL....



and a 1/24 Monogram Porsche 924 project, converting to a club road racer version.



### **GTR Classifieds**

**For Sale:** Complete set of *Car Modeler*, May 1990 through September 1998, in four original *Car Modeler* binders: \$200.00.

Complete set of Scale Auto Enthusiast (Scale Auto starting January 2002), May 1979 through December 2011, in original Scale Auto Enthusiast and Scale Auto binders: \$3,000.00 OBO.

Contact: Ronald Spannraft, (847) 548-2635, mps13@yahoo.com

Wanted: 1/24 Tamiya Zakspeed Capri Group 5 model.

Andy Kinzelman - cell 262-930-4236

### **IPMS News**

GTR is a local chapter of IPMS/USA, in Region 5. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We 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.



2012 Region 5 2012 Region 5 May 19, Holiday Inn Overland Park KS. See www.ipmswcmo.org 2012 Nationals: Aug 8-11 Orlando, FL www.ipms2012.org 2013 Nationals: Loveland, CO





### Manufacturer: Fujimi Kit#: 090603 Scale: 1/20

by: Tim Liecht

As is the case with the Japanese kit makers lately, Fujimi has rereleased quite a few of their old kits. This classic Formula One kit is one of their nicer offerings and very Tamiya like in its design. But first, here's some history regarding Mugen.

Mugen Motorsports was founded in 1973 by Hirotoshi Honda, son of Honda founder Soichiro Honda. The name Mugen means "Unlimited" so add the word Power the name translated to "Unlimited Power". While closely connected to Honda, the team was never owned by Honda Motor Company. Mugen started racing open wheel cars in 1986 in the Formula 3000 series and then moved up to Formula Three in Europe in 1990. In 1991 Mugen prepared V10 Hondas for Tyrell and they were transferred to the Footwork F1 Team in 1992, with drivers Aguri Suzuki and Michele Alboreto. At the end of the year Mugen switched to Team Lotus and after a dismal season of delays, joined with Ligier the year after. That culminated in their first victory at the 1996 Monaco Grand Prix. Mugen then moved on to Prost Racing for a year and then to Jordan F1 where they scored a 1-2 finish at Spa-Francorchamps with Damon Hill and Ralf Schumacher driving. I am sure the kit was a result of the team's connection with Honda and driver Aguri Suzuki that made it a good seller in Japan and of course, Europe since it is an F1 car model. Footwork never won a race with Mugen Honda engine power. But this isn't the first model kit of a car with no victories. Now about the kit.



The body is molded in white, with a Coke bottle shape as was very popular in the '90s thanks to Ferrari. It's a very clean and flash free mold with engraving marks to aid in the bright red decal placement on the sides. The engine/transaxle is a ten piece affair along with separate headers, and the gearbox also supports the entire rear suspension that is mounted to it. The carbon fiber tub is about eight pieces total, and very Tamiya like in its design, with some electrical boxes mounted on top, forward of the engine. The front suspension mounts to the body, and all pivot points are moveable. The brake detail is nice, although on the back side of the discs there are molding depressions on each of them. Interior tub is FIA period correct, with the carbon fiber bolster inside the body at the instrument cluster surrounding the body, which was in the rules back then.



Decals are provided for the instruments and the seat belt harness. Wheels and tires are nicely done with SURPRISE! Goodyear tire markings on the decal sheet. The decal sheet is very crisp with tire stickers, and wheel logos provided.

I'm glad I bought this kit. I didn't when it was first released and regretted not doing that. This kit is as good as any Tamiya F1 kits from the same era and is a worthy addition to my collection. Get yourself one if you are an F1 modeler. 2012 GTR Summer NNL <sup>Our</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Contest & Swap Meet Hosted by: IPMS/GTR Theme: DIRT-Off Road



### Sub-Theme: 50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours Sports Car Racing



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 5<sup>th</sup> 2011 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 raffle off some nice prizes. Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, <u>official judging and nit-picking is</u> <u>strictly forbidden</u>, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

#### **Classes:**

Competition	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Open Wheel		
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: Dirt Off Road	All scales, all types	Anything designed or modified to be operated off the pavement. Dune Buggies, Rally racers, dirt racers, etc.
50 Years of the Daytona 24 Hours	All scales, all types	Any sports racing cars that were eligible to compete at the Daytona 24 Hours
People's Choice	Any model in the contest.	
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March 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 11 11<sup>th</sup> Cedarville Swap & Contest Jane Addams Community Center Cedarville, IL Scott 815-238-0634

March 17 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Ferrari Literature, Art & Model Expo with Model Contest Continental Motorsports 420 E. Ogden Avenue Hinsdale IL

March 17 Sebring 12 Hours ALMS

March 25 Countryside Collectors Classic Show Park Place of Countryside Countryside, Illinois 60525 www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 25 1/43 Scale Model Car Expo William Tel Holiday Inn Countryside, Illinois www.Route66modelcarstore.com Buz 708-246-1543

March 25 The Stooges All Plastic Swap Pat's Oak Manor South Milwaukee, WI Paul J. 414-671-1186

April 14 Milwaukee NNL 20 Hosted by AMG Family Centers of Excellence Waukesha, WI Theme: Sports and Road Racing; Subtheme: 24 Hours of LeMans email: scottiekl@charter.net or Mike Dowd, mdowd@wi.rr.com

April 15 30th Annual Spring Show Milwaukee Miniature Motors Waukesha County Expo Center Waukesha, WI www.milwaukeeminiaturemotors.com

May 5 HMCA 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Miniature Vehicle Collector's Swap & Model Car Contest Knights of Columbus Hall, Indianapolis, IN Duane Tripp DCT2136@aol.com

May 5 IPMS/Mad-City Modelers Model Show Doubledays Banquet House Cottage Grove (Madison) WI <u>Michael A. Luedke</u> 262-567-9147 May 19 IPMS Region 5 Convention Theme: "In the Movies" Host: IPMS/West Central Missouri Holiday Inn, Overland Park, KS See www.ipmswcmo.org

May 27 Indy 500

June 9-10 Heartland Model Car Nationals By IPMS.KC Slammers Overland Park Conv Center, Overland Pk KS Bill Barker 816-250-0906

June 16-17 LeMans 24 Hours

July 8 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Attack of the Plastic Lake Lawn Lodge Resort Delavan, WI Rick Allan 262-728-5003

Aug 8-11 IPMS National Convention Disney World, Orlando, FL www.ipms2012.org

August 5 5<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL Theme: DIRT (Off Road) Subtheme: 24 Hours of Daytona Algonquin Township Building Crystal Lake, IL gtrchab@yahoo.com

August 18 Road America ALMS Elkhart Lake, WI

Sep 30 60th IL Plastic Kit & Toy Show DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL (630) 969-1847 Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com.

November 4 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 20 IPMS Glue Crew Contest & Swap Howard Johnson's, Wausau WI Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show Park Place of Countryside Countryside, Illinois 60525 www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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# Happy St Patrick's Day!

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### Next GTR Meeting: March 3, 2012

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