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John Walczak's Resin Bodied
Ford Torino King Cobra

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GTR MAILBAG

By Chuck Herrmann

REAL WORLD

New LeMans Nissan

Last month I showed the first internet photos of the new Nissan LeMans prototype. It was officially announced during a Super Bowl commercial. Here are more photos of the car.



This shot with the body off verifies it is front engine and front wheel drive. Certainly something different we will have to see how it matches up with the competition.



INDUSTRY NEWS

Revell 2nd Quarter Announcement

The Revell 2nd Quarter Announcement seems to have created a bit of a stir on the hobby web.



First there will be a new tooling 29 Ford roadster hot rod. I have read it will have a Buick V8 and lots of vintage custom parts, from internet buzz this should be a big seller.

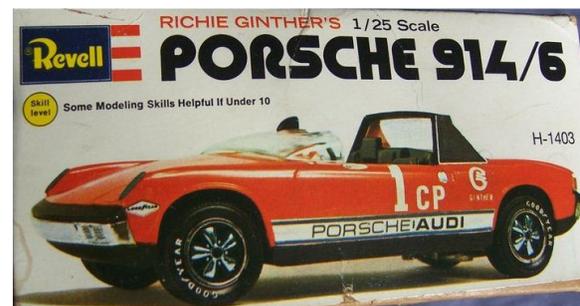


85-4378 1972 Porsche 914/6 1/25

This is a reissue of their earlier 914 which has not been seen for many years. It looks like there will be racing parts in this new reissue. Hopefully

they will do a bit of updating, rereading some reviews of the older issue on the internet and looking at the one in my project queue reminds us of the finicky design and fit of the original 70's tooling.

Past 914 Porsches by Revell:



Tommy Ivo Showboat

And in the Revell SSP program, the four engined four wheel drive Tommy Ivo's Showboat in 1/25 scale is on the Revell *Revellations* listing on their Facebook page.



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New Kit Updates

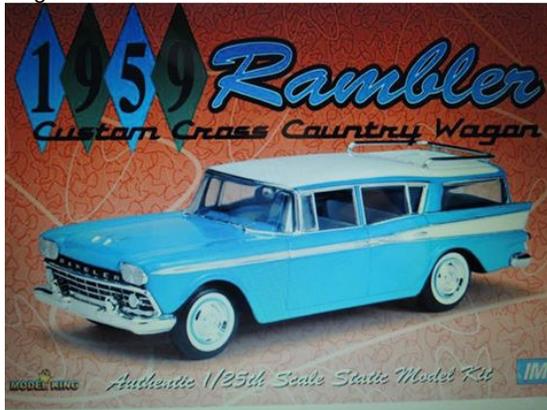
From various internet sources we have updates on some new kit. The Galaxie 47 Chevy is supposed to release in April.



The AMT Piranha Super Spy Car (a.k.a. The Man from Uncle car) just hit the shelves.



And Model King will issue the Johan 1959 Rambler wagon.



EVENTS

The Cedarburg Swap and Contest will be March 8 – GTR will have a club table in the vendor area.

The Ferrari Expo at Continental Motorsports in Hinsdale will be March 21. GTR will be there!

March 28 see a new event in Madison WI , a model contest in conjunction with the Autofest car show.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. I will add more 2015 events soon as they are firmed up. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. We had enough, and we have received the official 2015 membership stamp. 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.

IPMS Calendar

July 22-25, 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in Columbus, OH www.ipmsusa.org.



Sep 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

2016 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbia, South Carolina



GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, March 7, 2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. We will have copies of the 2015 GTR Club Calendar for sale; the cost is \$10 to members. Since these are printed to order please let me know several days in advance of the meeting if you would like to buy one.

We still have some 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available; let us know if you wish to buy any.

Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. 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.

GTR is on Facebook



GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up!

2015 8th Annual GTR Summer NNL

In 2015 GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 2, at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 100 Years of Dodge. We are now accepting trophy sponsorships and raffle donations from anyone interested in helping support our event.

2015 GTR Club Project: 100 Years of Dodge



The 2015 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 100 Years of Dodge. Finish a model of a Dodge between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me by August 2 2015 and your 2015 dues will be refunded!

This month Steve Jahnke brought in his Revell pre-painted 2013 Challenger build.



Rick Hannah had his project 68 Dodge Coronet, and John Walzcak had a Lindberg 1964 Dodge which is not his final project build.



So get going planning and building your club project kit!

February GTR Meeting

The February GTR regular meeting was held on Saturday, 2/7/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion we went over the Treasury Report, took some 2015 dues, sold some 2015 calendars and talked about upcoming events. At this time there is no plan for a 2015 Attack of the Plastic event. We began to discuss our club display at the Milwaukee NNL in April.

Then it was on to Show & Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

Gerry Paquette showed a very nice Revell Germany VW surf van. Looks good despite some finicky fit design and it features lots of added interior details.



Also Gerry had this resin engine set for the Ferrari 430



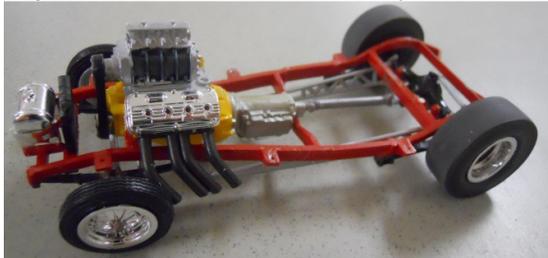
Dave Green brought in a Minicraft Triumph, a



difficult kit to build nicely but his looked pretty good.



Also an AMT Opel GT project, a drag car with the engine and chassis from the 41 Willys kit.



“Checkbook Modeler” **Joel Peters (aka the President)** brought in a 56 Chevy lowrider bomb he bought built.



Rick Hannah showed the chassis detail progress since he last brought his street racer Plymouth to a meeting.



Jim Brooks is now doing figures, too, such as this Mobeus Models Green Lantern.



John Walczak brought in three recent builds.



A Ford Torino King Cobra, a Flintstone resin body on a Revell donor kit.



Also a Lindberg 64 Dodge





And finally a 55 Chevy Gasser.

Chuck Herrmann: a FLY 1/32 slot car, the Porsche 908-3 from the 1971 Targa Florio



The Revell Build and Play Audi R8 snap kit reviewed in last month's newsletter.



Some recently acquired built ups added to the collection, a Nitto Lamborghini Muira and a



Tamiya Alpine-Renault A110



And lastly an AMT VW Rabbit, restored from an old build up, polished the paint and repainted the interior.



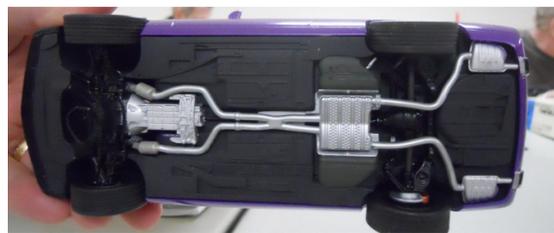
Dave Edgecomb had a 1/16 Bandai Porsche 906



George Pritzen showed latest progress on his Mustang with the Hawaiian funny car engine.



Steve Jahnke had his completed 2013 Challenger, the Revell pre painted kit.



Tips & Tools

All club members as well as all GTR newsletter and Facebook fans are welcome to submit ideas and photos of tools, products and techniques other car modelers might find of interest.

This month we are reprinting an article on rusting out a model, written by Mike Gehrke from the February 2015 AMG Milwaukee newsletter.

Gehrkes' Corner

Rust: Mistakes are Welcome

Mike Burgos has been wowing people lately with a series of superbly rusted and weathered model cars and trucks. At the end of the January 2015 AMG meeting, Mike provided a demonstration of just how he accomplishes the beaten up and kicked around look at which he is so good.



He starts off with a primer, Krylon Fusion Satin Brown or Terra Cotta. To get the pitted look, Mike sprinkles on common table salt while the primer is still wet. He then knocks off the salt after the primer is dry. To achieve a chipped off look, he applies the salt as above and lets the primer dry. Then he wets the areas he wants the salt to stick. After everything is dry he applies a second coat of primer and removes the salt with sandpaper or file, finishing off with Dull Cote.



Mike notes that rust holes and other distressed areas should be done with a Dremel before applying the primer. If decals are to be applied, shoot the primer, apply the decals set them with flat clear and distress them with a file.



Advanced techniques include the use of washes and powdered pigments. Mike creates rust streaks with washes of Poly S flat paint. Poly S is water based so it is easy to mix up a wash. For that final patina, Mike turns to Vallejo pigments. Vallejo pigments are sold in sets and are in the form of powder. He applies them to the model with a flat, stiff brush, scrubbing or dry brushing the pigment into the opened up paint surface. Mike works it until the paint is somewhat pliable. For best results, start with the darkest pigment and work towards the lightest. Don't clear over the pigments or if you do, re-apply more powder over the flat clear.



Polar Lights Spider-Man VW Beetle



Description: VW Beetle
Mfg: Polar Lights **Kit:** POL927 **Scale:** 1/24
By: Chuck Herrmann

This kit has been around awhile now but I just picked one up. Basically it is a reissue of the 2004 Love Bug snap kit by Polar Lights. Why the Spider Man theme (with stickers, not decals)? I don't remember a car like this in the movies. Apparently this version, as with the Herbie, is aimed more the TV and Fantasy collector crowd than "serious" modelers. Which is where it may well sell more than it does in the usual car model market. (I noticed this phenomenon with the Barnabas Collins van kit a few years back, more online movie and TV memorabilia sites were selling and reviewing it than model car sites)



According to stories on the Internet, when the Herbie kit was designed, there was a follow up California Custom Beetle kit planned. Then the company was sold and it was not issued. But now, under Round 2, leave off the Spider stuff and you can have that California Custom Beetle!

The new release is in red plastic with black, clear, and chrome-plated parts. It does not have the soft top included, nor the holes in the roof for it like the Love Bug version. The hood and trunk are again separate and there is a full engine.



This time there are lots of options beside stock, which you can still build, so this is actually a 2 n 1 kit. But that is not mentioned on the box. There are the Cal Custom style nerf bars for bumpers. There are two sets of bucket seats, the original stock ones as well as a nice custom set, also two steering wheels. There are also two sets of outside mirrors to choose from, both round and rectangular and a custom exhaust option.



There are four wheel options: stock VW hub caps (with VW logos this release), plain baby moons, chrome EMPI five spoke mags and chrome BRM wheels, great for VW Beetle fans. There are five tires and each wheel set has five pieces since the spare is visible in the opening front hood. But the simplistic hinges have a toy like effect. The Spiderman markings are thick stick ons, not decals.

Since this a snap kit it is a simplistic design which will take some work to make it look realistic. The extra custom bits are usable with other kits like the new Revell Beetle kit.



Indoor Model Cruise In

On February 7, the afternoon of the last GTR meeting, there was an Indoor Model Cruise In event at The Lodge in Wasco (St Charles) IL. This was an informal model show in a restaurant.



Models in front of a crackling fireplace in the bar area.



This 1/18 diecast diorama was voted 1st place



The weather cooperated for one of the few times last month, it was sunny and in the thirties! So it was a nice drive down, Steve Jahnke and I brought some hot rod theme stuff for the table. There were over thirty models on display, the awards were picked by popular vote. While awaited the results we had a great hamburger and draft then talked models with assembled modelers. A pleasant winter afternoon.



GTR Event Calendar

March 7 IPMS/Madcity Modelers Model Show
Doubledays, Cottage Grove (Madison) WI
[Rob Teubert](#) 608-295-9258

March 8 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest
Jane Adams Community Center Cedarville IL
Theme: Haulers
Scott Baldauf 815-238-0634

March 21 Sebring 12 Hours Sebring FL



March 21 37th Annual Ferrari Literature, Art &
Model Expo with model contest
CONTINENTAL AUTO SPORTS, Hinsdale IL
youareawinner@earthlink.net

Mar 22 Stooges All Plastic Swap Meet
Pats Oak Manor, South Milwaukee
Paul Janetski 414-671-1186

Mar 22 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

March 28 1st Autofest Model Contest.
Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI

March 29 Motor City Madness Contest and Swap
Detroit Area Auto Modelers
Macomb Comm. College, Warren MI
DetroitAreaAutoModelers.webs.com

April 11 Milwaukee NNL
Hosted by AMG Theme: HEMIs
Family Centers of Excellence, Waukesha, WI
Info email: Scott Koch scottiekl@charter.net or
Mike Dowd mdowd@wi.rr.com

April 12 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com

April 30-May 3 GSL-XXV International Scale
Vehicle Championship and Convention
Salt Lake Sheraton Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT
www.gslchampionship.org

May 2 35th Annual HMCA Swap and Model Car
Contest by Hoosier Model Car Association
Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis IN
Duane Tripp DCT213@aol.com

May 17 15th NNL North Show & Swap
Knights of Columbus Hall, Bloomington MN
Bob Maderich 612-423-2985

May 24 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

May 30 NIMCON 4
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL
Phil Pignataro 847-658-9920

June 13-14 24 Hours of LeMans FR

July 22-25 2014 IPMS/USA Nationals
Columbus, OH
www.ipmsusa.org

August 2 GTR Summer NNL 8
Theme: 100 Years of Dodge
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL

September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/Gateway St Louis, MO

Sep 27 67th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 18 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place of Countryside Countryside IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Oct 10 IPMS/Glue Crew
Howard Johnson's Conf Center, Wausau WI
2101 North Mountain Road Map
Joseph Drew 715-842-0173

