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Rick Hannah's Original Issue MPC Mako Shark finally done!

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By Chuck Herrmann

MEDIA

Jay Leno's Garage on CNBC



Former *Tonight Show* host Jay Leno, who was a late-night ratings powerhouse for NBC for decades, will be returning to TV with a new show on cable network CNBC based on his Emmy-Award winning Web series *Jay Leno's Garage*. The show premiered October 7 to almost one million viewers.

The prime-time series will take viewers on a tour of Leno's extensive classic car collection while also going over the car collector market and restoration projects, along with speeding through fun road tests.

This will be the first time that Leno has been on TV since turning over *Tonight Show* to Jimmy Fallon in 2013. The series will be a bit different than the current "throw tools at each other" template of car shows, Leno says. Instead, it will focus on the love affair with automobiles. "We hope to highlight the passion and the stories behind the men and women who made the automobile the greatest invention of the 20th century," Leno said in a statement.

In August 2013, the network test drove the idea with *Jay Leno's Garage: The Ultimate Car Week*. The special, which took place over Labor Day weekend, was a huge success -- more than tripling CNBC's audience from the year prior with 416,000 viewers.

Much like fellow comedian Jerry Seinfeld's *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*, Leno has found success with a Web-based automobile series collecting more than 1 million subscribers on YouTube.

VW Scandal Movie

Movie Studio Paramount is planning a Hollywood movie about the Volkswagen clean diesel scandal. Leonardo DiCaprio is one of the

producers, no word yet on whether he will act in the film. Paramount has acquired movie rights to Jack Ewing's upcoming book, which will detail the scandal in which the company placed illegal software in their clean diesel cars that could tell when a car was being tested for fuel emissions and would turn on the emissions control to cheat the test and meet EPA standards. Volkswagen is currently facing up to \$18 billion in fines from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The scandal has rocked the automotive company, with Volkswagen's stock plunging, and called into question the future of the German automotive industry.

REAL WORLD

HAAS F1 Driver Lineup Finalized



French driver Romain Grosjean was the first driver to be announced by the Haas F1 team for its debut season in 2016. And at the Mexican GP Esteban Gutierrez was confirmed as the second.



Grosjean, 29, will join the new startup American team after leaving the Lotus team amid uncertainty about its future following months of financial struggles. He is currently ninth in the standings, his best finish of the year being a third place at Spa - the 10th podium of his Grand Prix career. He has raced in F1 with Lotus since the start of the 2012 season, having clinched the GP2 title the previous year.



Gutierrez, 24, joins Haas from Ferrari, where he spent 2015 as a reserve driver. He spent the 2013-14 seasons with the Swiss Sauber team before losing his drive at the end of a point-less 2014 season.

Porsche 911 Overall Winner at Petite LeMans Season Finale!



Terrible weather due to the hurricane pounding the east coast caused havoc at the Petite LeMans at Road Atlanta on Oct. 3, the season finale for the IMSA TUDOR Sports Car championship. In the worsening weather conditions after hours of yellow flag laps the GT class cars were faster than the Daytona prototypes, actually passing them on track on the way to an overall victory by the Porsche 911, with a BMW in second overall. The best prototype was third.

Patrick Dempsey takes First World Endurance Championship class Win

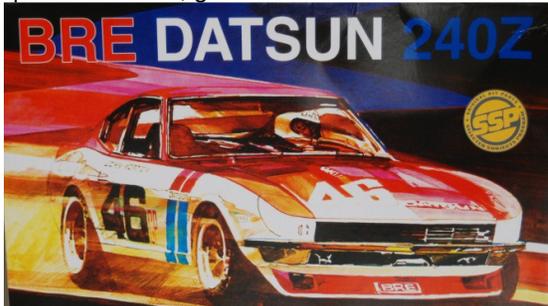


In Fuji, Japan, Patrick Dempsey took his first FIA WEC GTE Am class win with his Proton Porsche team mates Patrick Long and Marco Seefried. Driving their Porsche 911 RSR Dempsey contributed two solid stints during a wet six hour race.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Revell Releases

The new reissue of the BRE Datsun 240Z features the best box art to come from Revell in quite some time, great art!



Revell Germany has released the Porsche 918



Revell Inks New 3-Year Licensing Agreement with NASCAR

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, Ill., Oct. 13, 2015

Leading scale plastic model kit manufacturer Revell Inc. today announced a three-year licensing agreement with NASCAR Team Properties™ for production of 1:24 scale snap and glue-style plastic model kits for NASCAR Sprint Cup Series™ star drivers' cars.

In December, Revell will release models of Brad Keselowski's No. 2 Ford Fusion and Joey Logano's No. 22 Ford Fusion of Team Penske. Kits for Jimmie Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet SS and Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s No. 88 Chevrolet SS of Hendrick Motorsports will follow in early 2016.

Those four kits will feature Revell's new SnapTite® Max™ model design for modelers ages 8 and up, each with 25-30 pre-decorated snap-together pieces that simplify the model building experience in order to engage a new generation in the hobby.

Paint-and-glue model kits of four more cars fielded by NASCAR® teams will be added to the collection in 2016 and 2017, providing full engine parts, a higher level of interior and chassis detail and waterslide decals to fully capture the essence of your favorite race car. All kits in the series represent the first plastic models to accurately replicate the technical height, width and design standards of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Gen-6 body style introduced in 2013.

The agreement with NASCAR Team Properties revives Revell's relationship with the industry, which dates back to the 1980s. Revell has produced more than 100 NASCAR-based models to date and is currently the only manufacturer of NASCAR plastic model kits.

"NASCAR has a massive television and mobile audience each race weekend, cross-generational appeal with Nielsen Scarborough reporting one in three NASCAR fans have children under the age of 18, and eye catching car designs and graphics. All of these factors make the sport a natural fit for modeling," said Lou Aguilera, Vice President and General Manager, Revell. "This licensing agreement gives us the opportunity to offer new NASCAR Officially Licensed options for young and old fans alike."

Revell's NASCAR Officially Licensed SnapTite Max model kits will retail for \$24.95 and be available through hobby shops and leading retail stores.

Recent 1/24 Citroens

There have been some new Citroen 1/24 kits announced in recent months. Last month we saw the Ebbro DS19.



Heller has announced a Citroen Mehari Kit .Nr. 50760



Asuka is showing a 1/24th scale Citroen 2CV pickup. Kit 32-001. The markings are for a 'truck' in military service.

EVENTS

The IPMS/Butch O'Hare show is November 7 at Lakeview Jr. High, Downers Grove IL

On November 14, the Winnebago Area Model Classic will be held La Sures Hall, Oshkosh WI

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. 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. The annual chapter renewal process is underway, we will need five current IPMS/USA members to renew for 2016. 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.

The 2016 Region 5 Convention will be in Omaha, NE, date and details should be announced soon.

IPMS Calendar

Aug 3-6 2016 IPMS/USA Nationals

Columbia, South Carolina

www.ipmsusa2016.com

2016 IPMS Region 5 Convention Omaha, NE

July 26-29 2017 IPMS/USA Nationals

Omaha, NE

2016 GTR Club Project



The 2016 GTR Club Project Build will once again be the models fitting our GTR Summer NNL Themes, for 2016 TV & Movie Cars and CanAm. I will be putting some inspiration kits in this space to get you planning and building.

Simon & Simon TV Show Camaro



Simon and Simon was a TV detective series from 1981-89.



Monogram issued a snapper Z/28 Camaro kit of the car featured in the show. I saw one of these on a vendor table at the Wheaton show last month for \$7.



Apparently there was also a truck used in the series. No kit was issued but this internet photo shows one that someone put together.



Revell did a pre-painted die cast kit of the *Vanishing Point* Dodge Challenger.



And AMT has just released a full detail plastic kit.

News

GTR Update

The November regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, November 7, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

T-Shirts: We have the new club T-shirts for 2015. The cost is \$10 to GTR members. If you ordered one and have not yet picked it up you can next meeting. And we did order a few extras so you can get one while they last.

We still have some of the black 2014 GTR Club Polo and T Shirts available. We will be selling these off at the bargain price of \$5. Let me know if you want one, once they are gone they are gone.

We will again be doing a GTR club photo calendar for 2016. Steve will have the photo booth at the next several meetings, so bring in some models for him to shoot. This year you will need to get your order in before the January meeting in order to get the club price of \$10, since that is a special sale price. If you want any later you will need to pay the full price at that time.

We will have our annual GTR Christmas party at the December meeting. Menu to be announced, probably pizza.

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 on Facebook

GTR has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We encourage members and fans to post photos of your models or projects. Also the GTR Newsletter can be accessed as well as information and entry forms for the GTR Summer NNL.



October GTR Meeting

The October GTR regular meeting was held, on Saturday, 10/3/2015 at the Algonquin Township Building. During the business portion, we went over the Treasury Report, and we discussed upcoming events and the IPMS chapter renewal process.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Here is some of the stuff on the table

Chuck Herrmann brought in his Monogram Scarab mid engine sports cars, one bought built up and two in progress for the club project.





Also a Revell 31 Ford Sedan delivery, 1969 issue in metallic blue plastic. A \$3 find at the Wheaton show, the paint stripped off cleanly.



Steve Jahnke had the finished version of the AMT 71 T-Bird he brought in last time. You can see the full review of this kit and build in on the IPMS website.



Rick Hannah brought in his completed build of an original issue MPC Mako Shark.



It was started when this kit was a new release, about 40 years ago!!



Rick also showed his completed AMT Pontiac 2+2, with the body correctly proportioned.



Dave Green brought in more recent acquisitions. This AMT Grand Prix,



the Revell reissue of the Datsun BRE 240Z



And a Touch Tone Terror Dodge pickup to continue building his IMC kit collection.



Dave Edgecomb showed some new stuff and some project kits. First the brand new Aoshima Chevy Cruze WTSS car,



the Tamiya 1/20 Porsche 935,



Finally the Accurate Miniatures Grand Sport Corvette.



George Pritzen had the diecast Dodge Challenger Vanishing Point kit for the GTR project (see the Project article elsewhere for photo)



And this completed Tamiya Nissan GTR.



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:

TURTLE WAX for Monogram models



In a recent box of parts acquired at the Wheaton show I found these packs of Turtle Wax model car wax.



Apparently they were included in some Monogram kits in the early 1980's. I was not really active in the hobby at the time, so these were new to me. Anyone know if this worked?

Loctite Super Glue



Last meeting George Pritzen brought in this C/A super glue, made by Loctite. He has used it with good results.

The Last Scarab Racer

By Chuck Herrmann

The Scarab race team that competed in the late 1950's and early 1960's was millionaire hier and sportsman Lance Reventlow's (his mother owned the Woolworth chain of five and dime stores) plaything. But it was a professional operation that ran and built their own cars, winning both amateur and professional sportscar races and even entering Grand Prix racing in 1960. They are most known for their front engine sports cars. But the final racing Scarab was the only rear engine Scarab. It is known as the Rear Engine Scarab, the Scarab Mk IV, and as the Last Scarab. It is the subject of a kit by Monogram, a static kit version of one of their slot car bodies from the 60's. It was reissued in a line of classic sports racing kits in the early 1990's

The rear engine Scarab was built in 1962. Shortly thereafter the money train ran out for Reventlow and by 1963 he was closing down the Scarab operation. After running the car a few times he sold it to John Mecom, Jr. of Houston Texas. Mecom removed the Buick V8 and installed a Traco-built 327 Chevy engine. Also he put A.J. Foyt in the car. Foyt's best result was winning a pair of races at Nassau, Bahamas during 1963. The car also received a Chrysler Hemi engine at one time and Augie Pabst drove the car to several victories. Pabst purchased the car and ran it throughout 1965 season. He then turned it into a street legal car! Later it was rebuilt as a race car. Pabst is still the owner and the car appears in occasional vintage events.

There was only one mid-engine car produced, but it went through many upgrades so you may see photos of different appearing cars but they are all the same chassis.



Above is one of the earliest versions.



This is the car at Daytona February 1964



Later in 1964 it was heavily modified.



By 1965 it looked like this, the final completion appearance was Las Vegas November 1965.



At recent vintage events, we can see it has been restored to look like the later version.

Results of Chassis Scarab MkIV from *racingsportscars.com*

1962

Date	Race	No	Drivers	Entrant	Res.
2.9.1962	SCCA Divisional Santa Barbara]	16	Lance Reventlow	RAI	2 nd
23.9.1962	SCCA Divisional Reno]		Lance Reventlow	RAI	DNS
30.9.1962	USAC Kent		Lance Reventlow	RAI	DNA
14.10.1962	200 mile Riverside	16	Lance Reventlow	RAI	DNS
7.12.1962	Governor's Trophy	10	Reventlow / Ireland	RAI	29 th
9.12.1962	Nassau Trophy	10	Reventlow / Pabst	RAI	34 th

1963

Date	Race	No	Drivers	Entrant	Res.
3.3.1963	SCCA Reg Dodger Stadium]		Lance Reventlow	RAI	DNA
13.10.1963	200 mile Riverside	9	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	DNF
20.10.1963	200 mile Laguna Seca	91	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	2 nd
6.12.1963	Governor's Trophy	77	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	1 st
7.12.1963	Nassau Classic	77	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	17 th
8.12.1963	Nassau Trophy	77	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	1 st

1964

Date	Race	No	Drivers	Entrant	Res.
15.2.1964	250 mile Daytona	35	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	1 st
5.4.1964	USRRC Pensacola		Augie Pabst	Mecom	DNF
3.5.1964	USRRC Laguna Seca	8	John Cannon	Mecom	6 th
6.6.1964	Player's 200 Mosport	8	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	22 nd
5.7.1964	SCCA Divisional Galveston]		Augie Pabst	Mecom	2 nd
3.8.1964	Guards Trophy Brands Hatch	1	A. J. Foyt	Mecom	DNF
29.8.1964	Tourist Trophy		Walt Hansgen	Mecom	DNA
20.9.1964	500 km Bridgehampton	90	Walt Hansgen	Mecom	1 st
11.10.1964	200 mile Riverside	26	Walt Hansgen	Mecom	DNF
18.10.1964	200 mile Laguna Seca		Augie Pabst	Mecom	DNA
4.12.1964	Governor's Trophy	2	Walt Hansgen	Mecom	3 rd
6.12.1964	Nassau Trophy	2	Walt Hansgen	Mecom	8 th

1965

Date	Race	No	Drivers	Entrant	Res.
2.5.1965	USRRC Riverside	12	Walt Hansgen	Mecom	DNF
9.5.1965	USRRC Laguna Seca		John Cannon	Mecom	DNA
11.7.1965	SCCA Regional Galveston]		Jack Saunders	Mecom	1 st
31.10.1965	200 mile Riverside	7	Augie Pabst	Pabst	10 th
14.11.1965	200 mile Las Vegas	7	Augie Pabst	Pabst	5 th



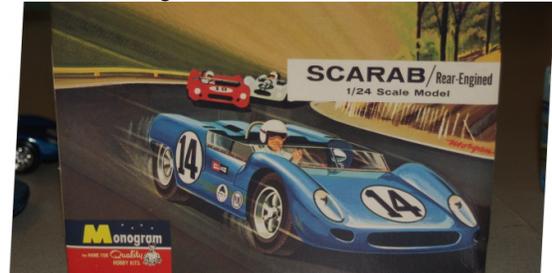
After its racing career Augie Pabst converted it to a street car.



This was driven on Wisconsin roads for a while...



Now it once again is a race car.



For our 2016 GTR Summer NNL, as part of the Can Am 50 Year theme we also will include some of the earlier cars that lead up to the Can Am series in 1966, like this famous car.

2016

GTR Summer NNL

9th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme:

TV and Movie Cars

Subtheme:

50 Years of Can Am 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 7th 2016 from 9:00AM 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, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Classes:

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/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	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: TV and Movie Cars	All scales, all types	Any vehicle featured <i>prominently</i> in a TV show or Movie Cars from Can Am or USRRC 1960-1974 – No GTs
SubTheme: 50 Years of Can Am Racing Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

November 1 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall Milwaukee, WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

November 1 Mexican GP
Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez

Nov 7 IPMS/Butch O'Hare
Lakeview Jr. High, Downers Grove IL
John Bishop 630 880-4905
www.butchoharemodelers.com

Nov 14 Winnebago Area Model Classic
La Sures Hall, Oshkosh WI
WAMClassic@gmail.com
<http://wamclassic.wix.com/wamc>

Nov 14 Southern NATS NNL
Theme: Vans and Wagons
Hosted by Atlanta Car Model Enthusiasts
Smyrna Community Center, Smyrna GA
www.ACME-IPMS.com

November 15 Motor City NNL
Hosted by Detroit Area Auto Modelers
Macomb Community College, Warren MI
845-462-4740 or Facebook

Dec 6 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 6 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet
Waukesha Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com



Happy Halloween



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