



# GTR Newsletter

**H**ello GTR and Friends:

by **Steve Jahnke**

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Greetings GTR members and friends; in a word, our 10th annual running of the GTR NNL contest and swap meet was an enormous success. Each year the show continues to grow in the quality and quantity of models on the display tables and this year did not disappoint. The show tables were chuck-full of beautiful models. For me, it was extremely hard to pick the winners on my judging ballot (*voting for your own models goes against the show spirit*) and I thought the winners were well chosen by the show attendees. There will be a more detailed coverage of the winners either in our next monthly newsletter format or the Show Special issue (*TBA*).

Our biggest news relative to the show is that Kalmbach publishing, better known to us as *Scale Auto* magazine, indicated that they will be including our GTR NNL show pictures into their upcoming **Contest Cars 2017 show issue!** That is outstanding news for our show and the modelers whose models will be chosen by *Scale Auto* (*we only submit what we shoot and they pick what is published*). Big thanks for the excellent photography work done by GTR member Gerry Paquette and his efforts to get the pix to Kalmbach. In other big news for GTR members and our faithful readers, we will publish a separate show issue newsletter/picture letter of our own, with as many pictures of models that we can choke into that sucker. Of course, this will be done in digital media like this newsletter and hopefully we will include any other contributors as well. **Look for it soon!**

That's it for this newsletter, between me Steve, Chuck and Doug, we hope that you enjoy the rest of this newsletter and the support our club, and of course visitors are ALWAYS welcome.

## **Grand Touring & Racing Auto Modelers**

**Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs**

**2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year**

**2007, 2008 & 2015 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year**

**2017 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

Location alternates between member's homes and the Algonquin Township Building

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The GTR Newsletter is written and edited by Steve, Chuck Herrmann and Doug Fisher.

If you or your club has news that you would like to pass on to the modeling community, send the info on to me digitally at [stevejahnke@comcast.net](mailto:stevejahnke@comcast.net) and I will add it to this newsletter as a blurb or link. Show dates are subject to changes/cancelation as dates shown. 2017 club dues are due \$15 measly bucks, send check or give cash to me with your contact information. Thanks! Please make check out to "Steve Jahnke" as we could not get a "club" named bank account.

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# MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

## Industry News

### Tamiya Mercedes AMG GT3



Tamiya has announced this GT3 Mercedes kit to be available in October. Watch for lots of aftermarket decal sheets since there are lots of these running in various series.

### Revell NASCAR Ford



The latest Revell NASCAR kit is the Kevin Harvick Ford, full detail driver figure and windows with black trim.



The Foose 48 Caddy is now in stores. Looks good, there are several builds on the internet already.

### AMT 2017 Chevy Camaro Indy Fiftieth Anniversary Pace Car



Item No: AMT1059M

AMT has announced a brand-new tooling 1/25 2017 Camaro kit of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Indy 500 Pace car. Features include pre-detailed window surrounds, 2-color taillight lenses, poseable front wheels and a full-color decal sheet with Indy 500 Pace Car markings as well as gauges, side markers and more.

Associate editor Steve's note: I collect Indy pace cars and have just purchased this full detail kit, it's a beauty and a terrific addition to any Modern Muscle and Pace Car collection...well done AMT.

### Real World

Big changes are coming to the world of sports car racing.

#### Porsche out of WEC

Porsche has withdrawn their successful factory prototype program from the World Endurance Championship, including the 24 Hours of LeMans. This leaves Toyota as the only team still racing in the top level of the series. Word on how this impacts the future is still to come. Also, Porsche has not said where they will be putting their racing resources in the future, rumors are either Formula 1 or Formula E.

#### Mercedes out of DTM

Mercedes Benz has announced that they will drop their German Touring Car program after 2018. Mercedes has been a major player in this series for almost 20 years, DTM is a very popular race series in their home market so this is a big step. Rumors are that they will get involved in Formula E, another indicator of trend of major international manufactures are trying to get involved in the newer technologies that they feel will be increasing relevant to future (younger) audiences and customers.

#### Penske and Joest return to IMSA

Meanwhile, in the US, Penske Racing returns to IMSA with a factory Acura Daytona Prototype

team, probably led by Pablo Montoya. And the Mazda prototype program will be taken over by the legendary Joest team, which was successful in IMSA and of course LeMans in the past running Porsches and Audis. With these teams coming in and Porsche dropping out of the WEC IMSA looks like the better show next year.

### **New IndyCar Aero Body Styles**



IndyCar's 2018 race car puts an end to so-called "aero kit" body kits specific to engine manufacturers Chevrolet and Honda. Instead, all teams will use the same pair of aero kits, meaning all cars will look identical. The new car features two body designs, one for high-speed ovals, the other for shorter ovals, road courses, and street circuits. IndyCar previously gave Chevy and Honda free reign to develop their own aero kits. The new kits will be simpler and more retro, with less of the stuck-on winglets and expensive and fragile bits.

### **Events**

The Meadowdale Memories and Motorsport event will be September 9 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville. This of course is the site of the remains of the Meadowdale race circuit, besides a big car show there are always some historic racers and personalities in attendance.

The fall Wheaton swap meet at the DuPage County Fairgrounds will be September 27.

Our good friends in the Lake Michigan Model Cal Club will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a club this month! So they are inviting fellow auto modelers to join them at their September meeting on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Festivities include:

- Club Prize Raffle: Door prizes will be raffled off, and everyone will be given a ticket.
- Club Display Night: See models from our own members and those of neighboring clubs, with plenty of table space available.
- Club NNL Night: ANY model vehicle displayed by ANYBODY will be eligible for our People's Choice Award, and EVERYBODY in attendance can vote on it.
- Since it is a celebration, cake will be served
- FREE ADMISSION. We appreciate your attendance as our guest. FREE PARKING in a lot adjacent to the Faith Community Church Hall.

For further information, or to reserve tables for your club's display, please call Our President Rob Cantwell at [rcantwell@gmail.com](mailto:rcantwell@gmail.com) or 847-884-1156

See the events calendar for details for all 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 GTR.



### **GTR Update**

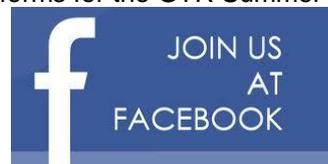
The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, September 2 at, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building. There will be a report on our GTR Summer NNL event and Show & Tell.

It is IPMS chapter renewal season, we need at least five current IPMS/USA members to continue as a chapter so please let Steve know your IPMS number and expiration date so he can renew for 2018.

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 us.

### **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.



### **August GTR Meeting**

The August GTR meeting was held on August 5th. After some business details it was time to rearrange the meeting hall for the next day's GTR Summer NNL, so everyone helped set up the tables and furniture. So there was no Show & Tell, it will resume next month.

# 2017 IPMS Nationals Omaha, Nebraska

The 2017 IPMS/USA National Convention was in Omaha in July. It was another successful National, from online reports and comments. The numbers were: 740 entrants, 2,800 entries.

The Best in Show winner from among all entries this year was from the Automotive categories. Wisconsin modeler and Winnebago club member Dave Falk won the George Lee Judges Grand Award (Best in Show) with his scratch built Caterpillar 954 Pipe Layer, which was also Best Automotive winner as well as class winner in Automotive: Scratch Built/Conversion.



The Nationals are also where the annual IPMS/USA awards are announced. This year's winners are:

- Mike Rastieff Chapter of the Year Award**  
IPMS/Mid-Michigan Model Makers
- Ralph Forehand Website of the Year Award**  
Mike Blohm, Albuquerque Scale Modelers
- Newsletter Editor of the Year** "IPMS/Orange County Newsletter", IPMS/Orange County, Editor - Terry Huber
- Regional Coordinator of the Year**  
David Schwab, Region 1 (NY and New England)

Next year the Nationals will be held in Phoenix, AZ, and in 2019 in Chattanooga, TN. No bids were recited this year so for 2020 so bids will be taken at the 2018 Convention.

Here are photos of some of the models. For more see [www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org).





# IPMS/GTR Summer NNL 10 Winners

Sunday, August 6, 2017  
Algonquin Township Building  
Crystal Lake, IL



People's Choice and Best Competition Closed Wheel – Tim Kasper



Theme: Ford GT - Dave Green



Best Competition Open Wheel - Dave Rader



Best Curbside – George Pritzen





**Best Commercial Vehicle – Troy Riley**



**Best Junior – Hunter Riley**



**Best Motorcycle/Misc - Doug Fisher**



**Best Street and Theme:50 Years of Firebird/Camaro - John Walczak**



**Chris Ducey Award – Best Ford -**



A taste of some eye candy  
from our  
Summer GTR NNL Show



See our [GTR 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Special edition](#) newsletter for additional coverage



# Bench Racing

By Doug Fisher

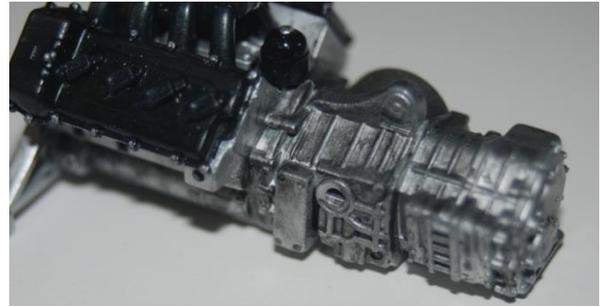


This is a forum of modeler tips to be shared for all club members. Please forward any tips you feel will be helpful to everyone to me at [kkfisher1@comcast.net](mailto:kkfisher1@comcast.net) and I will include them in future editions.

## Woodland Scenics Pewter Wash



Last month Doug showed us his techniques for washes to add depth to engines. About the time I read that I had just finished doing the same effect on the Revell Germany McLaren 570S on my bench. I had recently unpacked more of my modeling stiff and came across a product from Woodland Scenics called "Pewter Patina Finish". This company is usually associated more with model railroading or dioramas but I found this several years ago on sale. I never used it and it wound up at the back of a box. I was working on the engine and transmission assembly and had used Testors Model Master Aluminum as the base color. This engine has lots of molded in detail, similar to the Porsche Doug was working on, and I wanted to accent this with a wash. I often use The Detailer Ready to Use Black Wash (actually some type of ink) but that tends to leave a bluish tint. So, I tried this Woodland Scenics stuff.



It goes on like similar products, brush it on then wipe up the excess off the raised surfaces. The result was satisfactory. Not as good as Doug's but also a lot fewer steps. And on this, and many similar recent builds, much of the engine winds up buried deep down in the engine bay, obscured by exhausts, intakes or large engine covers so excessive washes or weathering will not be visible on the finished model. So, I can recommend Woodland Scenics Pewter Patina Finish for this technique.

Besides the engine I also used it to add depth to the kit's brakes.



Note: I must have got mine on a closeout sale. The price tag (from Ron's Hobbies in Mundelein) is marked 60 cents. Current on-line prices for the same thing run almost \$8!

*Chuck Herrmann*



# Kit Build: Jada Die Cast Batmobile from *Batman v Superman*



**Description:** Batman v Superman Batmobile

**Manufacturer:** Jada Toys

**Kit: Scale:** 1/25

*By Chuck Herrmann*

Batman is one of the most famous superhero characters. His popularity has remained intact since the 1930's through comics, books, movies, and television shows. Among the most recent was the movie *Batman v Superman* of 2016. The one with Ben Affleck. (Although there may be more recent appearances, there are so many superhero movies lately and since I not a big fan of most I may be a bit behind).

For car guys, the various vehicles in the series have been wildly popular. The best known of course is the George Barris Batmobile from the 60's TV series. In *Batman v Superman*, the Batmobile is once again updated, more of a military style vehicle than campy custom. Mobius Models has released a full detail plastic kit. I have their previous Batmobile, the Tumbler from the Dark Knight series of movies, it is a fully detailed kit that is rather complicated. This new kit looks to be at the same level.



Readers of this newsletter know that I have been busy lately, moving out of state to resettle in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Upon arriving I found a great store which was not found in the Chicago area, Hastings. It was a book and music store, with a nice cafe, also selling and renting DVDs. There was also a lot of Hollywood theme toys, clothing and collectibles, and to my surprise there was a hobby section that had model cars and paints. Not huge but a welcome sight. But as soon as I started to frequent the store word came that the whole chain was closing, like Border's a victim of changing times, internet, Netflix etc. There were six Albuquerque locations that went through their closeout sales, sad to see but I found several things at reduced prices. Most of the hobby stuff I already had or was not something I was interested in. But there were a series of Batman kits by Jada Toys, known for their diecast cars. I found this *Batman v Superman* kit at less than half price, about \$15 so I grabbed it. Since I have a collection of most of the Batmobile (and other Bat stuff) kits I decided to get this one. Also, because I was limited in workspace until we were finally settled in I figured this easy build would help me keep modeling in the meantime.



So on to the kit and build. This is a pre painted, disassembled die cast (body) and plastic 1/25 scale kit. There are about twenty-five pieces that snap and screw together, designed for young or basic modelers. The body and fenders are pre-painted in a matt black finish, The doors are hinged to open like a fighter plane. The fenders are separate pieces that screw to the body. There huge rubber tires that mount via steel axles. There was a significant mold line running through the tire tread that I filed and sanded off, this took the most work but it definitely was needed.



I decided to add some detail via painting to otherwise all black model. The interior especially looked like all shiny black plastic which was almost

invisible. So, I pried it loose from the body (things were attached by melting the plastic tabs instead of gluing). Then I painted it flat black, with semi-gloss black roll gage and dash. I picked out some details in silver and red, and added a dash sticker from my decal stash. Then I used CA glue to reattach it.



There are some ducts and pipes on the side of the body. Photos of the real thing show this as black as the body but the shiny black plastic made it look fake so I pried them loose and painted them various shades of metallic paints to add interest and glued them back in. Same thing for the rear exhaust and some details at the front of model. Also, I painted the window frames on the top mounted doors, this was easy since they were molded in and very prominent to use as a guide.



And that was it. I screwed it all together and stuck it on the shelf. The whole build was done in a few hours of modeling time between other projects on my bench. It is a large vehicle, too big for the standard clear plastic covered display bases. It makes a decent shelf model that joins my collection of diecast Batmobile kits.





# 2017 GTR Event Calendar

Sep 9 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Meadowdale. Memories and Motorsports Event  
Hosted by MIRPA (Meadowdale Intl Raceway Preservation Association)  
Raceway Woods, Carpentersville IL  
[www.mirpa.org](http://www.mirpa.org)

Sep 17 Lake Michigan Model Car Club  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
Faith Community Church Hall, Bensonville, IL  
For further information, please contact President Rob Cantwell at [rccantwell@gmail.com](mailto:rccantwell@gmail.com) or 847-884-1156

Sep 27 68th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

October 7 NNL Nationals #38 Sylvania OH  
Theme: *Sports Car Racing, 1940's to the present*  
Cult Theme: *The Race of Gentlemen*  
Sylvania Expo Center at Tam-O-Shanter,  
Contact Glenn Marek at [opsglenn@aol.com](mailto:opsglenn@aol.com).

October 14 Glue Crew 2017  
Wausau, WI  
Contact Joseph Drew at [jdrew09@charter.net](mailto:jdrew09@charter.net)

Oct 14 Grand SLAM NNL #2 and Swap  
Johnstown Community Center Johnstown, WI  
Info: Kevin Koch 920-723-6508  
[Kookoe1958@hotmail.com](mailto:Kookoe1958@hotmail.com)

October 28 Circle City Modelers 23rd Model Contest and Swap Meet  
Boone County Fairgrounds, Lebanon IN  
Theme: *Off Road Vehicles and Long Roofs*  
Vendor info: Chris Beach [beach899@yahoo.com](mailto:beach899@yahoo.com)  
Contest info: Steve Shelton  
[moparman68@yahoo.com](mailto:moparman68@yahoo.com)

November 4 ACME Southern Nationals  
Smyrna (Atlanta) GA  
[www.acme-ipms.com](http://www.acme-ipms.com)

Oct 15 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show  
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside, IL  
Jim Welytok (262) 246-7171 [unievents@aol.com](mailto:unievents@aol.com)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Oct 22 US Grand Prix  
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX USA

Nov 5 Scale Auto, Hobby & Toy Swap Meet,  
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI  
Jim Welytok (262) 246-7171 [unievents@aol.com](mailto:unievents@aol.com)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

Nov 11 WAMC17 Winnebago Area Model Classic  
2017 Model Show, Contest and Swap  
Hilton Garden Inn Oshkosh, WI  
[www.wamclassic.wix.com/wamc](http://www.wamclassic.wix.com/wamc)  
Email: [WAMClassic@gmail.com](mailto:WAMClassic@gmail.com)

Nov 11 35th annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Open Model Contest and Swap  
Lakeview Jr. High School Downers Grove, IL  
Hector Colon [hdcolon@yahoo.com](mailto:hdcolon@yahoo.com)

Dec 3 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Swap Meet  
Waukesha County Expo Center  
Call Dale E. Jones, (414) 651-1980  
Website: [www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com](http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com)  
Email: [mkeminimotors@gmail.com](mailto:mkeminimotors@gmail.com)

Dec 3 Tinley Park Toy Show  
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL  
Jim Welytok (262) 246-7171 [unievents@aol.com](mailto:unievents@aol.com)  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)



**IPMS USA**  
International Plastic Modelers Society

## IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. The chapter renewal season will be starting soon. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. We always encourage 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org).

## IPMS Calendar

TBD 2018 IPMS Region 5 Convention  
hosted by IPMS/Moss Branson, MO

July 31-Aug 4 2018 IPMS/USA Nationals  
Phoenix, AZ

August 8-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals  
Chattanooga, TN