



GTR

Newsletter

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Hello GTR and Friends:

By Steve Jahnke

Just where has Summer gone folks? Here it is the 26th of August and September, Labor Day is coming up and of course that means that schools will be starting classes soon, so look out for those kids as they make their way to a school in your area. They are the future of our hobby.

I have a few close friends that work at their modeling benches almost every day or at least a regular basis to keep themselves active in the hobby and busy in retirement. Two of those friends write model kit reviews for the hobby magazine Fine Scale Modeler. Typically, Kalmbach publications gives them aircraft kits to assemble, paint, then write reviews about the resulting model kits for accuracy to the original prototype, ease or difficulty of build and of course a historical background of same. They put a lot of effort into their builds and it shows when the finished product is proudly presented on glossy pages of FSM. I admire the Hell out of those guys for what they do and what the finished product looks like. Then there is me. My stash is substantial; I must admit and doing my best due diligence towards "thinning the heard" as the saying goes. As a lot of you know, my favorite part is and has always been painting the car body first, setting that aside and then work on the rest of the kit and that means keeping a large stash of rattle can spray paints (Testors and Tamiya) as well as a lot of custom mixed 1:1 automotive paint made with a "cool" thinner that will not react and craze the plastic.

As I sit here in my home "office" writing this piece I am absentmindingly thinking about what's on my bench that needs attention. Maybe doing some of the final minutiae detailing on a model that was at the time considered "done" at the time and was put on the shelf. Every time I looked at it I knew that it lacked "something". In this case the car was my long favorite 69 Revel Mustang Shelby Cobra GT500 painted in a custom mixed "Grabber Yellow". Again, she was considered "done" in the day and then onto another model...and that is where she languished in 'semi'-completion. You know where I am going here right? At this writing and that there were not any other projects on the bench that needed my immediate attention, this one got it. The chrome Magnum 500 wheels are now complete. I now painted the wheel spiders in a dark argent (black) and it has completely changed her personality. So... take a second or maybe third look at those models completed and are safely on display; see if any of them need some additional love and attention. I did, and it changed her personality for the better. Thanks for stopping by... Snapper Steve signing off for now.

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
2018 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Industry News



There is some news on the Revell restructure status. Italeri will now be distributed by MRC, so products should begin flowing again. And some internet sources have published an availability list for dealers of the former Revell USA kits so that is good news. We will continue to watch for developments, but it appears that the American theme Revell kits will again be available in the future.

At the recent IPMS/USA Nationals in Phoenix, there were a few manufacturers with displays in the vendor area. I had a chance to speak with the Airfix representative; he indicated there are no plans for any new automotive kits. There will be the occasional repop of older automotive stuff, but their main focus is military subjects.

At the MS Hobbies table, they told me the Platz BMW M6 in Falken markings has been delayed, probably until October. And their Porsche 911 GTR race car kit is also pushed out, now sometime early 2019.

Real World

Corvette Generation 8



Test photos of the next generation, mid engine Corvette race car are surfacing. Here are two with the testing camo.



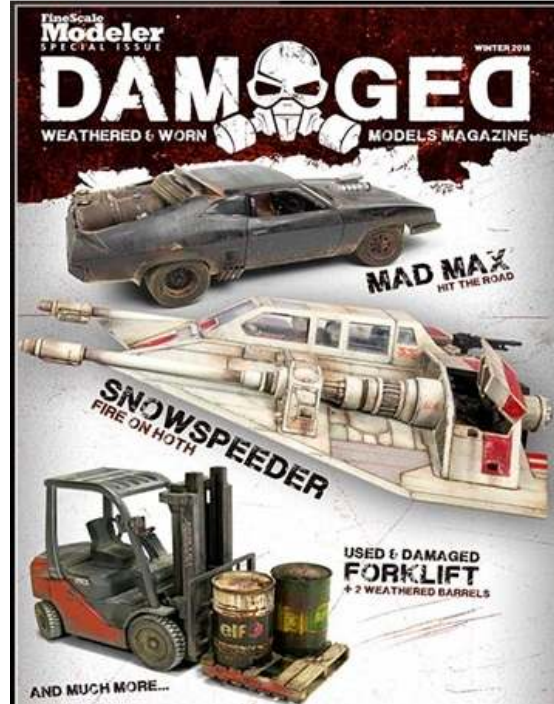
And here is an artist's rendering of the way they would look in the traditional Vette racing colors.



Media

New Special Fine Scale Edition

Kalmbach, the editors of *FineScale Modeler* will introduce an all-new special issue, titled *Damaged*. It will feature builds from Europe's top modelers. *Damaged* will be published quarterly as a special issue



Here is what they show as the cover for the first issue

Events

End of GSL Events

This just in from the organizers of the Great Salt Lake Championship:

The International Model Car Builders' Museum, which presents the GSL International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention, has decided that there will be just two more GSL Championships. In reviewing the event, its history and its possible future, the decision has been made to wrap up GSL in a fair, practical, and ethical manner with two more events: GSL-XXVII will be presented May 2-5, 2019 and the final Championship three years later, in early May of 2022. Rather than adhere to the every-other-year schedule, the three-year interval (from 2019 to 2022) will give competitors who wish to compete in the final event nearly four years from the date of this announcement the opportunity to commence or complete entries to compete in what we expect to be the greatest GSL Championship of all.

The Championship is coming to an end because every event has a natural "life." With so many of those involved in the administration and function of the GSL events getting older (I'll be 68 next year and 71 in 2022), it's appropriate to

close down the Championship while it is in its prime, and to give plenty of public notice of this very important decision.

Local events this month include the annual Meadowdale, Memories and Motorsports Car Show on Sept. 8 at Raceway Woods in Carpentersville

And on Sep 30 the Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show will be at the DuPage County Fairgrounds in Wheaton.

See the events calendar for details for all the events that I know of. We will be adding events as details are firmed up and released. If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to GTR.



IPMS News

GTR is a proud member of the IPMS organization. GTR is a local chapter, in Region 5, of IPMS/USA. We need five current IPMS/USA members to remain a chapter. The annual recharter process is coming up soon. So we 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.



2018 Convention Lapel Pin

The 2018 IPMS/USA Nationals were held August 1-4 in Phoenix, AZ. It was another huge event, lots great stuff o the tables. It took two big rooms in the Phoenix Convention Center downtown, plus a number of meeting rooms for presentations and seminars.

Here are the stats for entries.

Contest Entrants:	424
Models in Competition: (Automotive featured 257 entries)	2,723
Models Grand Total:	3,523

Watch for photos of entries next issue.

IPMS Calendar

March 2, 2019 IPMS/USA Region 5 Regional Convention
Madison, WI

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

July 29-Aug 1, 2020 IPMS/USA Nationals
San Marcos, TX

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 from the site.



GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, September 1, at 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building.

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.

August GTR Meeting

The August GTR meeting was held on 8/5/2018 at the Algonquin Township building. The meeting was used to set up for the next day's 11th Annual GTR Summer NNL.

2018 GTR Summer NNL

The 11th Annual GTR Summer NNL was held Sunday, August 5 at the Algonquin Township Building in Crystal Lake, IL. And by all measures it was a great success. We had 31 modelers presenting 179 models. Trophy winners were chosen by popular vote. In addition, we had a record 21 vendors selling some really great stuff in the parking lot. The weather cooperated in that the real heat of the day was delayed until about 2 pm when everyone was leaving.



Photos of Display Tables



2018 WINNERS OF BEST IN CLASS TROPHIES

**Competition Open Wheel - Ed Sexton
Sponsored by AMG Milwaukee**



**Custom – Jim Palicka
Sponsored by GTR**



**Competition Closed Wheel – Tim Kasper
Sponsored by Gerry Paquette**



**Commercial – Debbie Kasper
Sponsored by GTR**



**Street - Tim Kasper
Sponsored by Northern IL Scale Modelers**



**Motorcycles/Misc – Earl Spielberg
Sponsored by GTR**



**Curbside -George Pritzen
Sponsored by GTR**



**NNL Theme Asian Invasion – Rick Doering
Sponsored by IPMS/BONG Milwaukee**

**Out of the Box – Debbie Kasper
Sponsored by Revell**



**Tim Leicht Memorial People's Choice-
Tim Kasper
Sponsored by Doug Fisher**

**Junior – Joseph Rinaldi
Sponsored by Walt Fink**



**NNL Theme Crazy 8's – Mike Kolver
SLAM**

**Best Ford Chris Deucey Award -
John Clancy
Sponsored by John Walczak**



Also thanks to all who donated to our raffle, including Revell, Slix and Replicas and Miniatures of Maryland.

Model Photos











2018 GTR Event Calendar

Sep 8 10th Annual Meadowdale, Memories and Motorsports Car Show
Raceway Woods, Carpentersville IL
mirpa.org@gmail.com mirpa.org

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

Oct 6 Toledo Collectors' Toy & Model Fair;
Sylvania Exhibit Center (Toledo), OH
John Carlisle, (716) 434-0733
email: oltoyland@aol.com
website: www.oldtoylandshows.com

Oct 13 GRAND SLAM NNL#3
Hosted by SLAM (Southern Lakes Auto Modelers) from 9am - 4pm
Contact Alex Drake 262.661.4434 or
mastermodeler1950@gmail.com
Vendors, contact Rick Allen
@262.745.5500 or rickierods53@charter.net

Oct 19-21 44th MMSI Chicago Figure Show
Chicago Marriott Schaumburg, IL
Pat Vess E-Mail - pat@livezey.net
Visit their website: <http://www.mmsichicago.com>

Oct 21 Countryside Collectors Classic Show
Park Place Of Countryside Countryside, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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

November 3 2018 Winnebago Area Model Classic (WAMC), Theme: 1968 "The Times They Are a Changin"
Info: WAMClassic@gmail.com,
www.WAMClassic.wix.com

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

Nov 10 IPMS Butch O'Hare
Holiday Inn Itasca, Itasca, IL
Website www.butchoharemodelers.com
Information contact: Hector Colon
hdcolon@yahoo.com

Dec 2 Tinley Park Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com



This was the Best Automotive Subject at last month's IPMS/USA National Convention in Phoenix, AZ. More coverage next month.