



GTR Newsletter January 2019

Hello GTR and Friends:
By Chuck Herrmann

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2019: Twenty Years of GTR Auto Modelers

This month marks the 20th Anniversary of our club, IPMS/GTR Auto Modelers!

On January 16, ten local modelers gathered in the basement bar at my old house in Cary, Illinois. We discussed the possibility of launching a new model car group and decided to go ahead and form a new club as a chapter of IPMS/USA. According to the meeting minutes in the first GTR newsletter, the following were considered the basic formats of our new group:

- Keep it small, simple and fun. We don't need to become the biggest model car club in the area, just one we can enjoy participating in.
- Stress the primary interests of road cars such as sports cars, exotics and grand touring as well as racing cars such as road racing, Formula One, LeMans, Indy and NASCAR. Also to stress building models and sharing ideas.
- Keep things as informal as possible and keep business to a minimum. Vote on issues as they come up, majority rules.
- Hold meetings at members homes on a rotating basis, if the meetings get too big we would try to find a regular meeting site.

We also picked our first set of officers. Travis Russ was the president, and Ron Spannraft was vice president. I was secretary and chapter contact. We talked about having a newsletter but nothing firm was decided. But I went ahead and started one, and twenty years later here we are.

Happy New Year from GTR Auto Modelers!

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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The GTR Newsletter is written and edited by Steve Jahnke, 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 and I will add it to this newsletter as a blurb or link. Show dates are subject to changes/cancelation as dates shown. 2018 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)

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World Corvette Races in WEC Shanghai



The Corvette factory race team raced their C7.R in the WEC (World Endurance Championship) six hour race in Shanghai, China in late November. They were run in a different color scheme from their usual yellow and black. These were dedone in a silver and black scheme to promote the launch of the Redline special edition, unique to the China market.



Since Revell has already done this kit we should be safe to assume that there will be aftermarket decals available soon.



The WEC has slightly different regulations than the IMSA series the Corvettes usually compete in. The car did not do well in the race, qualifying 11th (and last) in class and finished 19th overall, 10th in GT driven by Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner.

Miles Davis Ferrari Sold



A 1980 Ferrari 308 GTSi, in Fly Yellow with a brown interior, once owned for jazz legend Miles Davis, was sold recently. Davis owned the car in the 1980s, until 1987 when he sold it.



Nicknamed the Prince of Darkness for his famously mercurial personality, Davis had a thing for Italian sports cars capable of equally volatile behavior, owning a Ferrari 275GTB/4, a Ferrari Testarossa, and a Lamborghini Miura S in addition to this 1980 Ferrari 308GTSi. The selling price was \$90,450.



Industry News

LeMans Movie Porsche 917 Kit



Fujimi has announced a new kit of the iconic Porsche 917K from the movie *LeMans*. Of course this is one of the cars Steve McQueen drove in the movie. As far as I am aware this is the first time the correct movie markings are available in an actual kit.

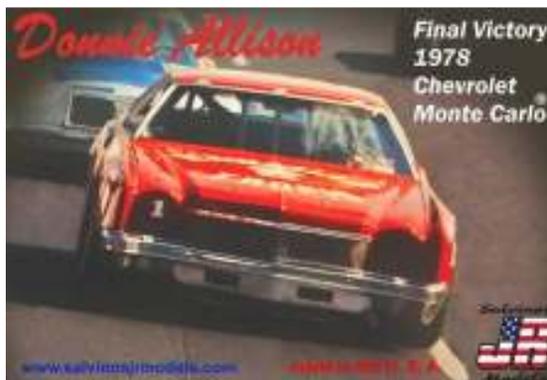
Round 2 Releases

Among recent announcements from Round 2/Auto World (all repops) was this 1965 Buick Riviera.

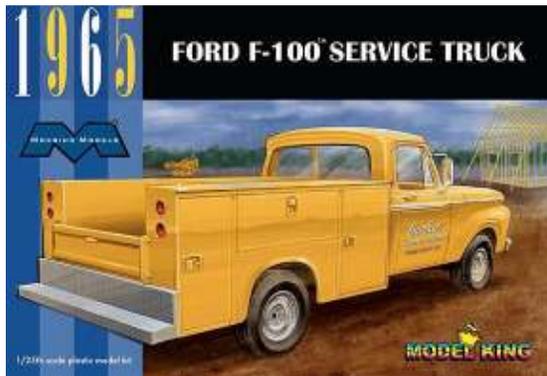


JR Salvino NASCAR Monte Carlo

Salvino has announced that their next vintage NASCAR release will be the 1978 Chevy Monte Carlo. This version will be the Hawaiian Tropic Donnie Allison Daytona 500 winner.



Mobeius will release several additional versions for their Ford pickup, including this one with a service truck bed.



New 1912 Ford Fire Truck



ICM is certainly getting their money out of their 1/24 1912 Model T tooling. Newest release will be a firetruck version, with figures. There is also a separate firefighter figure set.



Events

See the events calendar for details for all the events that I know of. We will be adding 2019 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.

GTR Summer NNL Themes

The themes for our 2019 GTR Summer NNL have been selected. The main theme is the 50th Anniversary of the Chevy Camaro, any version. The subtheme is Woodies and Wagons.

So pick your subject kits and get building!



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. We have successfully completed the 2019 chapter renewal process. If you are a current IPMS/USA member let Steve or Doug know your member number and expiration date, remember to renew your membership by October each year to make the renewal process smooth. 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.

The 2019 Region 5 Convention will be back in Madison, WI on March 2.

IPMS Calendar

March 2, 2019 IPMS/USA Region 5 Regional Convention
Crowne Plaza, Madison, WI
<http://madcitymodelers.org>

August 7-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals
Chattanooga Conv Center, Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.ipmsusanationals.com>

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.



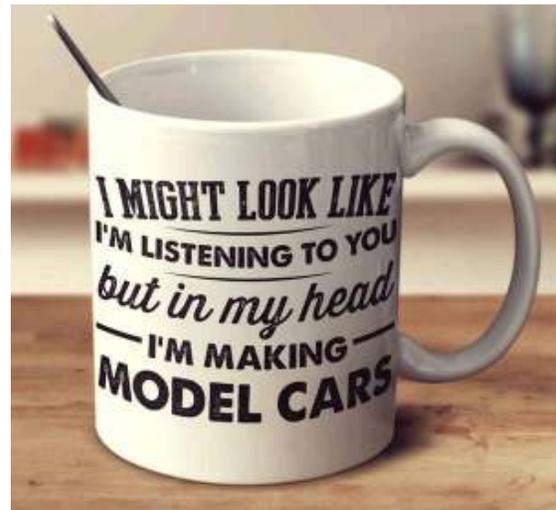
GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, January 5, 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.

December GTR Meeting

The December GTR regular meeting was supposed to be held on 12/2/2018 at the Algonquin Township building. However, due to a mixup we were not aware of a change to the code for the lock so were not able to get in. So instead we went out to a local restaurant for an impromptu Christmas party. So no show and tell pictures this month.



High Desert Modeler



by Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque, New Mexico



Albuquerque Twinkle Light Parade



One of Albuquerque's annual Christmas traditions is the Twinkle Light Parade, the first Saturday of December.



Open to anything or anyone decorated with Christmas lights, it is held on Central Avenue, which is part of the original Route 66 that is still the main drag through 'Berque.



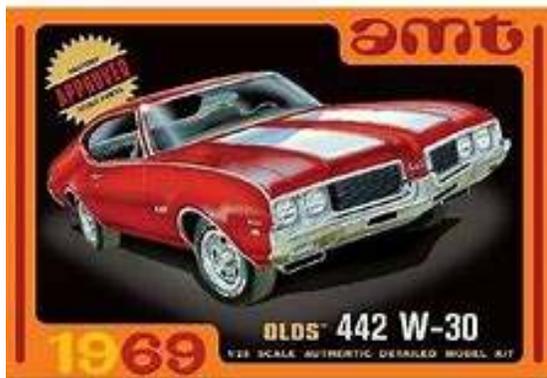
The local VW, lowrider and vintage real car clubs usually participate.



In our haste to get there in time for a close parking spot, we only brought one chair. But the group next to us had extras. The guy worked at a repair shop and had brought along a bucket seat from a 95 Camaro which he let me use.



AMT's 1969 Oldsmobile 442



Description: 1969 Olds 442 W30
Mfr: AMT **Kit:** 1105 **Scale:** 1/25
by Elliott Doering

When it was first introduced in 1964, the Olds "442" was essentially a police package that was made available to the public. Consisting of a 4-barrel carb, a 4-speed transmission, and dual exhausts, the designation "442" was self-descriptive.

Actually, the customer got a lot more than just a 4-barrel on his 1964 330 cubic inch engine, also included was a special cam shaft, and heavy-duty rods and main bearings. Heavy-duty suspension and speed rated tires were part of the chassis upgrade marking a total high performance car.

This characteristic was to be the hallmark of all subsequent "442" cars. So far, as total performance "muscle cars" of the 1960s, the Olds "442" was the best composed, all-around performer money could buy off the showroom floor. Not only could a "442" provide mind-dazzling straight line acceleration, it could find its way around the twisty sections too.

In 1969 the "442" got a styling change, with the traditional body color divider in the center of the grille, also known as two grilles instead of one. The 1969 "442" also came with a standard 400 cubic inch V-8 which developed 350 horsepower in standard trim, and 360 with the W-30 cold, ram-air package. The 4-speed was still with the package, and of course, the dual exhaust system played some lovely tunes in true automotive stereo.

The high level suspension kept the four special tires planted on the road with front and rear anti-roll bars, heavy-duty springs and shocks. Road testers of the time acknowledged the "442" as the best all-around performance car of the era.

This mold has been issued many times over the years. Let's examine this latest version.

The model can be built one of two ways: either as the daring Olds "442" W-30 factory stock version, featuring a 4-barrel, 360 horse V-8, and the 400 cubic inch V-8, or a "Custom" version.

The kit comprises three flash-free white trees, making up the majority of the parts needed to assemble this model. A bright, chrome tree has two sets of wheels, custom exhaust headers, intake manifolds, valve covers, and grille and bumpers.

A separate bag holds the clear window parts, and a VERY NICE inclusion in this kit is the Tampo Stamped Goodyear and Firestone tires. They'll look quite nice on this model. A high-quality decal sheet is included, with the traditional racing stripes found on these cars. Instructions are both the arrow drawings type, as well as worded instructions.

The body and frame are flash free, and I only found minimal seam lines on the one piece body. An effort was made to conceal ejector pin marks as well,

The instruction booklet includes a chart for all paints needed for the kit, and a NICE feature within the paint chart, is a listing of Olds factory exterior and interior colors, for those wanting to build a factory stock version of this model. Well done, AMT!

There are 17 assembly blocks to complete this stellar model, so let's get busy!

Like most kits, assembly begins with the engine. The two block halves are glued up, and cylinder heads added. There is room on the heads for drilling out the plug holes, should the builder want to wire this motor. The front cover/water pump is added along with the oil pan, starter, and bell housing. The paint code says to paint the motor red. I'm not sure if that is correct, shouldn't it be Olds engine blue? The Internet can be consulted here for correct 1969 Olds "442" 400 Cubic Inch motor color.

In assembly block 2, we're still working on the engine, and the transmission. The oil filter, alternator, power steering pump, and belts and pulleys are all added.

Moving to block 3, the builder now must chose between using the "stock" 4-barrel carb set up with the stock air cleaner, or the "custom" 6-pak (3 2-barrel) carb set up, with special air cleaner. If you want to build the "W-30" version, you'll need to use the "stock" 4-barrel set up, to allow for adding the cold, ram-air hoses.

In block 5, you chose between the stock or custom valve covers, and stock or custom exhaust headers. The "custom" headers are chromed, and appear quite small for this engine, they're a bit out of scale. The distributor is also

added, along with the fan, and your choice of intake manifold and carb set up.

Block 6 constitutes beginning work on the chassis. The left and right upper control arms are added to the frame. Then, in block 7, you carefully add both lower control arms, trapping the king pins and coil springs in place. It's a bit tricky, so take your time, and use patience. Then, press the tie rod onto the king pins. This all will allow for a model with poseable steering. The tie rod can also be glued, for those not wanting poseable steering.

In block 8, the completed motor is added to the frame, along with the battery, radiator and the fan shroud, and radiator hoses. Then, for the stock W-30 version, the two cold, air-ram hoses are fitted from the frame up to the stock air cleaner. They may pose a troublesome fit, so test fit until you have them located correctly.

In block 9, you glue up the stock exhaust pipes, with the stock tailpipe/mufflers, or both custom exhaust dumps to the chassis. The ends of the exhaust pipes and dumps locate to the exhaust headers.

Then, the two halves of the rear axle are glued together, with addition of the rear stabilizer. Next, the rear shocks, and rear springs are added, trapping the drive shaft between the transmission and rear axle. Don't forget to add the two air scoops to the front of the frame.

In block 10, you chose the type of wheels and tires you want to use. A wheel retainer is placed inside an inner wheel half, and then gets glued together, trapping a Firestone tire between them. This completes a set of front tires.

For the rear tires, you can construct another set of Firestones for the "Stock" version, or make up a set of the included Goodyear drag slicks for the "Custom" option. Both the Firestone and Goodyear tires are tampon stamped, and add some really nice pizzazz to the model – sharp!

Block 13 is all about the interior. The dash receives the pedals, and steering wheel. The floor shifter is added to the console, and the seats and seat backs are glued together, and then added to the interior bucket. This completes the interior.

In block 14, both halves of the Master Cylinder are joined, and added to its place on the firewall. The firewall gets inserted into the body, along with the windshield and rear glass. Check fit the glass until you find the proper location/fit, and then use glue for clear plastic.

In block 15, the two side mirrors are added to the body, decals are added to the body, and the hood, grille/front bumper is inserted into the body, and the completed interior bucket and frame insert into the body.

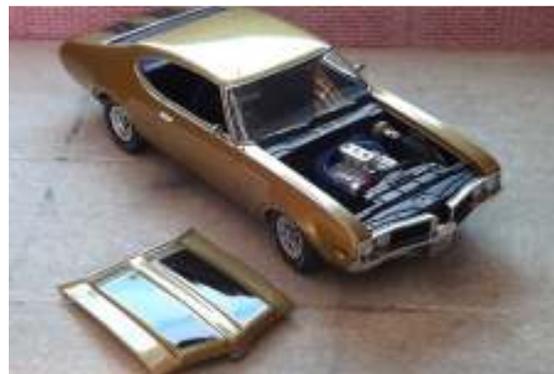
In block 16, the headlights are added, along with the two grille inserts. This completes body construction.

Finally, we come to block 17, wherein the tail lights are inserted into the rear bumper, and then the rear bumper is joined to the rear of the body. The four wheels are added to the chassis, the rear deck decals are added, and when dry, the completed body is placed over the chassis to complete the model.

This is a fun, Skill Level 2 kit. The only problem area appears to be correctly hooking up the cold ram-air hoses. But, if you test fit until they hook up properly, there should be no other hang ups in building this kit.

The Olds "442" is one of the BEST definitive examples of GM's prowess in late-1960s "Muscle Cars". Try one, and have happy hours of building in the New Year.

Here are some photos found on the internet that show a couple completed build ups of this kit.





GTR 2019 Event Calendar

January 1 *Happy New Year!*

Jan 6-14 41st Dakar Rally Peru

Jan 26-27 Rolex 24 Hours IMSA
Daytona Intl Speedway, Daytona

Jan 27 3 Annual Model Car Swap Meet
9AM - 2PM
Hoffman house, 7500 E State Street Rockford, IL
Stuart Larson 815-980-0386

Feb 9-18 Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago, IL
<http://www.chicagoautoshow.com/>

Feb 17 Daytona 500 NASCAR
Daytona Intl Speedway, Daytona FL

Feb 24 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL,
(630) 969-1847 or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

Mar 2 IPMS/USA Region 5 Regional Convention
Crowne Plaza, Madison, WI
<http://madcitymodelers.org>

Mar 10 Cedarville Model Car Swap Meet & Contest
Jane Addams Comm Center, Cedarville IL
Scott Baldoff 815-238-0634 also Facebook

Mar 16 12 Hours of Sebring IMSA
Mar 16 World Endurance 1500 KM WEC
Sebring Int Raceway, Sebring FL

April 13 AMG Milwaukee NNL #27
The Excellence Center, Waukesha WI.
Theme: Drag Racing
Sub Theme: Land Speed Cars
Tom at tnowak@wi.rr.com
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May 17-18 39th Hoosier Model Car Contest and
Swap by Hoosier Model Car Association
Johnson County Fairgrounds, Franklin IN
John White 765-571-1104
dakotajohn@embarqmail.com

May 19 NNL North
Bloomington, MN

May 25-27 GSL 27 International Scale Vehicle
Championship
Salt Lake City, UT
<http://www.gslchampionship.org/>

June 22 NIMCON 8
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
Crystal Lake, IL

Aug 4 GTR Summer NNL
Algonquin Township Building, Crystal Lake IL
Contact Doug Fisher kkfisher1@comcast.net



August 7-10 2019 IPMS/USA Nationals
Chattanooga Conv Center, Chattanooga, TN
<http://www.ipmsusanationals.com>

Oct 26 Winnebago Area Model Classic Theme:
50 Years of the Silver Screen
Auto Challenge Class: GT 2 GTO
WAMClassic@gmail.com,
www.WAMClassic.wix.com/wamc,
www.facebook.com/WAMClassic

For the dates for all the shows run by Unique
Events (Waukesha, Countryside, Serb Hall etc)
check their website at:
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

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