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Twenty Years 1999-2019

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A Success in Theaters

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THEY TOOK THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR A RIDE
MATT DAMON CHRISTIAN BALE
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2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year

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MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World



Legends of Speed Exhibit at Phoenix Museum of Art

November 3 marks the opening of Phoenix Art Museum's first major exhibition of racing cars — Legends of Speed — showcasing a selection of more than 20 cars spanning six decades and driven by some of the greatest drivers in the history of racing, including A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti, Dan Gurney and Sir Stirling Moss.



The display will include winners of the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the Indianapolis 500 and the Italian Grand Prix; featured marques will include Maserati, Ferrari, Mercedes-Benz, Alfa Romeo, Ford and Bugatti. The museum will be the sole venue for this exhibition that runs through March 15, 2020.

Penske acquires Indy Motor Speedway and the IndyCar Series

Roger Penske's company has bought the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the IndyCar Series and IMS productions as part of sale of Hulman & Company. So Penske will become just the fourth owner of the 110-year-old speedway.

Among the challenges he faces, per the internet buzz, are trying to increase viewership and lowering racing costs, which may attract new teams. Certainly he has the business skills. My

main concern is that he is 82 years old, what happens when he is gone?

VW to End all Factory supported Internal Combustion Powered Racing Programs



In a potential view of the future of auto racing, Volkswagen has announced it will end its factory support of all programs using internal combustion engines after implementing a motorsport strategy focused on electric mobility.

The transition to more electronic technology in the automotive industry continues, as Volkswagen said its motorsport division's "clear emphasis on fully electric racing cars" would be complemented by a "farewell" to all regular programs. Explaining the decision to adopt an electric-only strategy, Volkswagen Motorsport director Sven Smeets said motorsport could be used as a "trailblazer" for the development of electric vehicles.



Volkswagen said its ID.R electric prototype - which has set outright records at Pikes Peak, and also holds the Nurburgring Nordschleife electric record - would continue to take over the "role as a technological pioneer".

We have already seen participation of many manufacturers in the Formula E series. And even NASCAR is looking at hybrid technology.

Media

Grand Prix Races to Stay on ESPN

Formula 1 will remain on ESPN and ABC through 2022 following the completion of a new three-year deal between the broadcaster and the world championship. And ESPN Deportes will become the exclusive Spanish-language home for all F1 races in the U.S. from 2020.

Under the new deal, all F1 races will continue to air live on either ESPN, ESPN2 or ABC and all practice sessions, qualifying and races will air live and in replay across ESPN platforms. ESPN also will continue to air the races commercial-free and will again partner with Sky Sports and Formula 1 to bring Sky Sports' presentation of Formula 1 racing to American viewers.

Summer NNL Coverage



In the latest issue (#3) of *Dedicated to the Hobby* magazine, page 37 features a story and photos of Rick Doering's Datsun pickup. This won the Asian Invasion theme award at our 2018 GTR Summer NNL, which is mentioned in the article.



Ford V Ferrari Movies is a success at the Box Office!

The movie *Ford v Ferrari* opened in theaters on November 15. And surprisingly it was the top selling movie for the week, making something like \$31M. Matt Damon and Christian Bale as Carroll Shelby and Ken Miles surely helped.

I saw the movie the second weekend, on a Saturday night at the Century Downtown in Albuquerque. The showing was probably 90% sold out. My wife chose the Mr. Roberts movie on the adjacent screen, there were about 15 people there.



But how was the movie? After all the buildup I was a little disappointed. It is a dramatic movie, not a documentary but I wish it was a bit more accurate. Ford's first year in 1964 is ignored. It looks like Shelby designed the GT40 when it was really Eric Broadly of Lola. And the characters act more like movie characters than realistic people. Enzo Ferrari did not actually attend races. And there could have been a lot more racing. The last lap Daytona victory (inaccurate as Miles won the race by 8 laps) and all the bickering and posturing add drama and action so I see why they were added. The cars were mostly accurate.

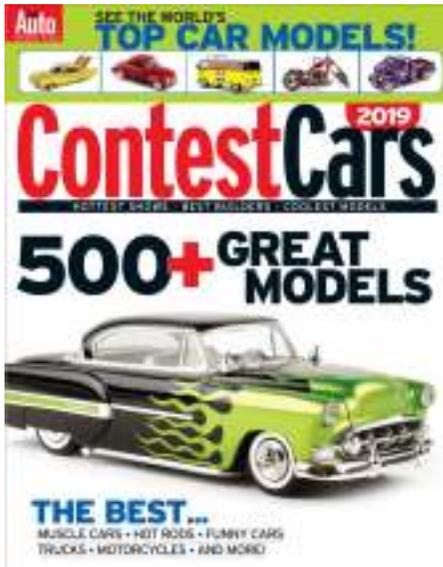
It was great to see this subject attracting such high interest outside of just "car guys". But in my opinion it did not surpass Steve McQueen and *LeMans*. I need to rewatch Ken Howards Rush again to compare the two. There are lots of online articles if you wish to see more details.

And I will see it again when it comes to our local second run theater (seniors \$1) and will get it on DVD.



Scale Auto 2019 Contest Annual

The 2019 contest issue from Scale Auto is now out. Albuquerque Model Car Club is represented by three photos of Dave Allin's models, mostly under the name of the customer he built them for. Congratulations Dave!



Maybe we can get some coverage of our Supernationals contest in next year's issue?

Model Cars Magazine is Publishing

After several years *Model Cars* magazine has resumed publishing. Editor Gregg Hitchings has been battling health issues but is now getting the magazine out. Issue #206 will be their annual Contest issue and has recently mailed to subscribers. There have been many negative comments online about *Model Cars* but almost everything about this hobby is really a labor of love. I doubt that Greg is getting rich off subscribers money so everyone give him a break and just look forward to the new issue.



Autoweek to Cease Printed Version



After 61 years publishing a print edition of *Autoweek*, Crain Communications called it quits for the paper future of *Autoweek*. Hearst Magazines and Crain Communications struck up a deal where Hearst gets a licensing deal to continue "to operate the digital and experiential businesses of *Autoweek*."

Crain will cease publishing the print product, which was produced twice a month. But assets like online articles, e-mail newsletters and podcasts will still continue. The website, with 10M monthly page views, will be the bulk of *AutoWeek's* profitability.

Autoweek's reach in a paper medium was strong as it's ranked in the Top 10 of Car Magazines. It ranked #6 in a Top 10 listing of the largest Car Magazines by monthly circulation

reaching about 290,000 monthly subscribers. Hearst owned *Car and Driver* and *Road and Track* ranked #1 and #3 while Motor Trend Group owned *Motor Trend* and *Hot Rod Magazine* ranked #2 and #4.

Perhaps the story of why Hearst probably won't bring on a third car magazine is in *Autoweek's* readership. According to *Autoweek's* latest media packet, 73 percent of their print subscribers have been a subscriber for over 10 years. The average age of their print readership is 50 years old. Hearst Magazines saw the writing on the wall; there's no future for *Autoweek's* print editions.

It's been an illustrious run for the car magazine that started as a bi-weekly newsletter. Back in 1958 when *Autoweek* was called *Competition Press* subscribers could expect two newsletters a month on the first and third Thursday. Yearly subscriptions were just \$4 (or \$8.88 today.) In 1964, distribution matched its name and subscribers got 52 issues a year. In 2009, they halved 52 to 26 and *Autoweek* became a bi-monthly publication until its end.

It always causes me a bit of pain to see such icons fall by the wayside. As a young race fan growing up on Northwest side of Chicago, prior to the internet of course, I regularly made the long one mile hike each way to buy *Autoweek* to find out the latest racing results. That would have been in the late 60's, with Porsche starting their LeMans run, Can Am at its peak and people like Dan Gurney, Jackie Stewart and Mario Andretti being my favorite drivers.

We need to watch and see how the internet *Autoweek* develops. There was another magazine I subscribed to that covered racing on a bi-weekly basis, *On Track*, that went from print to digital early on in the internet onslaught. Their web presence lasted a very short time. They still owe me a few issues.

Industry News

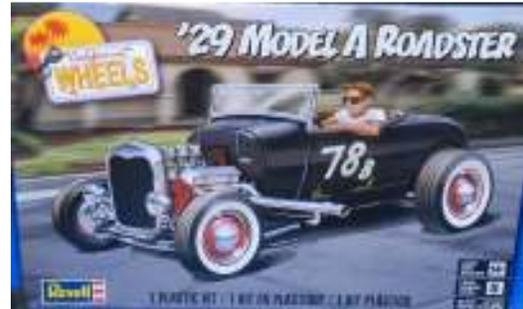
The owner of Des Plaines Hobbies, (1524 Lee St, Des Plaines), owner Ron Sebastian, died unexpectedly in early October. The obituary told that Rob and his wife Susan ran an "old fashioned hobby shop", which is the best kind. He will be missed.

NuNu Platz BMW 320i DTCC 2001



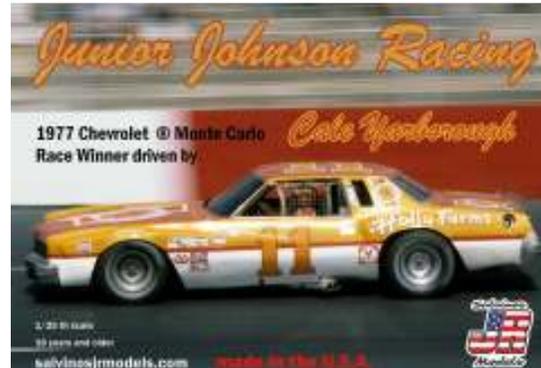
NuNu Platz will be releasing a kit of the BMW 320i racer from the DTCC 2001 series.

Revell News 29 Ford is Back!



The Revell 1929 Ford kit will be reissued in the First Quarter of 2020. There were rumors this and the similar 30 Ford Coupe molds were lost somewhere in China, good news this is still available. The initial releases of these kits were going for significant money on E-Bay, I should have sold some of mine. Oh well I guess I just will build one now.

JR Salvino



The next JR Salvino kit will be this Cale Yarborough 1977 Chevy.

Tamiya New Kit: Toyota Gr Supra

Tamiya has announced an all new kit coming soon. Item# 24351 will be the new generation Toyota Supra.



Events

Local events this month are the Tinley Park swap on Dec 1 and the Waukesha swap December 8.

See the events calendar for details for all the events that I know of. We will start listing 2020 events. 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, December 7, 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.

November GTR Meeting

The November GTR regular meeting was held on 11/2/2019 at the Algonquin Township building.

Unfortunately we do not have photos from the meeting this time.

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.



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 2020 renewal season is in progress and GTR has successfully completed the process. Thanks to everyone who is a national IPMS member. 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

IPMS Calendar

June 13 2020 IPMS Region 5 Convention – to be hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, Crystal Lake, IL.

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

2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV

2022 IPMS USA Nationals: Omaha, NE



Dec 1 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Dec 8 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show
Waukesha County Expo Cntr, Waukesha WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

December 25 **Merry Christmas**

2020

January 1 Happy New Year

Feb 8-17 Chicago Auto Show 2020
McCormick Place, Chicago
www.chicagoautoshow.com/

Feb 23 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds Wheaton IL
Info contact: (630) 969-1847 or
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

March 1 Cedarville Toy Show and Model Car Contest
Jane Addams Community Center, Cedarville IL

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Crystal Lake, IL.

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San Marcos, TX

Nov 14 Southern NNL Atlanta
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High Desert Modeler



by Chuck Herrmann Albuquerque, New Mexico



Living in New Mexico one quickly realizes the significance of Route 66 on the history of the state. While most of the old Route 66 has been replaced by interstates a large stretch of the original road is still used in Albuquerque. Central Avenue runs all the way from east to west through town and forms the main drag in downtown. There are still some old businesses, or at least buildings that served the old travelers. The impact on tourism is huge, many visitors both from the US and internationally drive stretches of the road each year. There are many historic sites still surviving, and you can find souvenirs for sale all along the road.

It is not only cheap t-shirts and mugs that commemorate the Mother Road. Even at fine art exhibits it is easy to see references to Route 66 on artists and culture. At the current exhibit at the Albuquerque Museum, a fund raising show, there are several pieces celebrating both Route 66 and automotive themes.



I always think it is great to see these and other works on display as real art, it sort of legitimizes the work modelers do. Not that we need that.

2019 IPMS/Butch O'Hare Show



The 37th Annual IPMS/Butch O'Hare Contest was held on November 9 at the Holiday Inn in Itasca, IL



I had attended this show several times while living in Illinois. It usually drew a good turnout, also a lot of vendors for the swap portion.



Here are photos of some of the automotive entries I found posted online.



I do not have a list of the winners, but this Lotus caught my eye.





Fantasy models



Since this is an IPMS show it included models of all types, not just cars, so here a few that I thought were neat.



Some of the WWI stuff has some very interesting color schemes.



I have seen figures of the late artist Bob Ross at several shows recently. Must be the hair.

