



GTR Newsletter April 2021

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President's Message: April 2021

We finally had our first GTR meeting in the Algonquin Township Building since the pandemic started. There were five of us at the meeting which wasn't too bad. Hopefully we can maintain that level of participation. At the meeting one of the main topics of discussion was the Summer NNL. Here predicting the future and figuring out what issues we will still have is very difficult. But right now, things are not changing all that fast and even by August we didn't think we would be fully in the clear. Then a very good suggestion was put on the table. Since the swap meet part of our show is outside, we could have just the swap meet part in 2021 and the full NNL in 2022. This would demonstrate to everyone that GTR is still an active club and the Summer NNL is still an event. We would make a few changes such as no entrance fees, no pizza and some vendor tables inside. We would still have door prizes and promote the 2022 event.

I'll start sending out our flyer to every club newsletter I get. I email the Lake Michigan Mode ICar Club guys and they are on board with the idea. Since we are starting this early, we have a good chance of really getting the word out. There are other shows starting to happen, but issues everywhere. The NNL East was canceled and we didn't have the DuPage show. The Roscoe Turner IPMS show in Indiana is going to happen on April 17 and NIMCON IPMS will be on Sept. 18 at McHenry College.

I was reading in the paper this morning that BMW was speeding up the introduction of its electric cars. By 2030 their line will be 50% electric. The article said that by 2025 Jaguar will be all electric. That's only 4 years or so down the road. I wonder if the changeover will happen faster than we think. It makes you wonder what effects this will have. If you stop and think how many companies and jobs are in some way affected by the internal combustion engine, it is amazing. If say all new car sales are electric cars by 2040, how will that change things? It is very interesting to think about. I won't be here to see it, but I hope to see some of it happen. But I'll still have my old Mustang, LOL.

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 2021 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.

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

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GTR Update

There will be an April meeting. The Covid situation is easing, and the Algonquin Township Building is open again, so see you Saturday, April 3 at 7:00 PM

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.

We have a new member. WELCOME! Gordon Ensing has joined us from Comstock Park, MI and is also an IPMS member as well. We are looking forward to photos of work from Michigan in the future. Glad to have you on board Gordon!!

March GTR Meeting

There was a regular in person meeting again, on Saturday, March 6, at the Algonquin Township Building.



Doug is working on an anime Formula 1 type car. Car molded in four colors and a hybrid snap/glue car. I will be building them all a great kit.



Doug had a few Corvettes. This one is an Accurate Miniatures Grand Sport in Compuware livery. Car still sits too high but the hood louvers are way too cool.



A Revell '65 Corvette in Mulsane Blue lacquer



The latest C6 race Corvette from Revell. This is a phantom color [Sunset Metal Red lacquer] in Compuware livery. Hood is painted to simulate Carbon Fiber.



Dave Green has multiple Melrose Missile cars – a Super stock, the Model King altered wheelbase, the no-top roadster as well as California Flash



Dave also has finished his second Tamiya Mustang GT4 in Volt livery. Paint is fluorescent yellow that is just fantastic in person.



Dave had his normal bag of goodies this month. '63 Nova Craftsman series promo new tooling and pretty simple model – squirrel included in kit! AMT Street Fury slammer in 1/25 small box and molded in green plastic.

'71 007 Diamonds are Forever Mustang lots of stuff in box that does not belong, like Huge Boss 429 and hood and whitewall tires - good kit

'72 Chevy Pickup Racers Wedge Ramp Truck with custom parts, unusual kit

AMT Old reissued van, '77 Ford Econoline Surfer Van other variants appear to be in the works as well.



George had a Aoshima Lambo in the works using a gorgeous metallic green paint with stripe put in using clear flat - cannot wait to see finished product



George also had a '29 Ford tow truck with using a '62 gasser chassis and motor



James had an AMT American Graffiti Ford Thunderbird with a removable top.



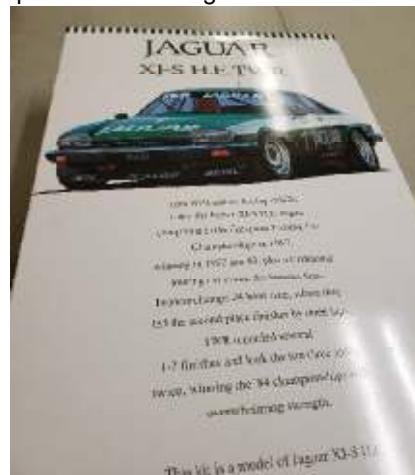
James also brought in a custom Revell '73 Ford Bronco using rose gold nail polish



James with his '63 Impala convertible



Ed has finally finished his XJS Jaguar in #44 Bob Tullius livery with scratch built fender flares, motor detail and multiple scratch built changes in the chassis and interior of the original model. The white paint looked like glass.





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. So if you are a current IPMS/USA member let Doug know your member number and expiration date, and remember to renew your IPMS/USA 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 12 ~~now Sep 18~~ 2021 IPMS Region 5 Convention –hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL.

Aug 18-21 2021 IPMS USA Nationals: Las Vegas, NV

See the webpage at www.natslv2021.com and also their Facebook page **2021 IPMS Nationals Las Vegas "Very Best of the West"**

2022 IPMS/USA Nationals Omaha, NE

2023 IPMS/USA Nationals San Marcos, TX



Industry News Atlantis



This is the artwork for the upcoming 1957 Cadillac kit.

Real World

LeMans Date pushed back

The Le Mans 24 Hours will be postponed from its usual June slot for a second year in a row owing to the global health crisis, and will now take place August 21-22.

Media

Model Cars #209

The next issue is supposedly mailing by the end of March. Looks like they are back on track. Good news.



Ed Sexton Trans Am Build Article



While going thru an estate collection from a deceased member of the Albuquerque Model Car Club, in the stack of old SAE magazines I came across this one (No95, February 1995) that includes a feature on a Revell Trans Am Mustang built by our own Ed Sexton

Virtual GTR Show & Tell

With meetings being cancelled or lightly attended we will use this space to show models at the meeting, show on our Facebook page or emailed to me for a virtual show and tell. One advantage is that we can show stuff from our out of town members.

From Facebook we have:
Roy Sorensen CA



"Finished the MENG 1/12th scale GT40. It was just a matter of muscle'n the body parts into place to get everything lined up! But the hinge at the very rear of the car was a pain! Had to pull out a standard size screw driver to spread the hinge points apart to get it on (held my breath for that one!). Overall a fun kit. But, next year I will tear it all apart and put it back together as the Black No. 2 car, and detail the heck out of it! (this one is all box stock so my readers for *Model Car Builder* magazine could see what's in the kit)"



Robert Bernahl IN



"My son Angelo Robert's Fox Body Mustang was given a bath of Inca Gold.



While I did a gloss black on the Ghost Rider Corvette. But now I'm wondering if I should do a metallic black instead.



"And my mind is made up. I'm going to sand this bad boy and give it a coating of Black Pearl."





Gerry Paquette WA

“Well, I had a mishap on the Royal Pontiac 66 GeeTO and the body is being stripped. Ned to figure out the decals though, as they were applied. I did make a Hi-Res scan of them, so I at least have a starting point.



As that project is off the table for a bit, I decided that I have not done a race car for a few years, so went to the shelves to decide what genre to tackle. I decided on Rally cars. I only have four kits in that category. I did not want to complicate a project as I have other things going. I also decided since Testor Model Master paints are getting harder to come by, that I would try some of the Tamiya Acrylics. I have used them in limited form in the past, namely the tinted clears.

Thus, I elected the 1999 Ford Focus WRC by Tamiya. I got the kit in a raffle years ago and got the Scale Motorsport detail sets for it. The kit is curbside but does have considerable chassis and interior detail. So, on the bench it went.”
Tamiya 1999 Ford Focus WRC Update



I pretty much have the chassis assembled and started on the interior. For the wheels, Tamiya provides 3 decals for each one to reflect the actual car. On top of that, I decided to add valve stems (from DecalCAS). The stems come in a set of 20, and, unlike the first time, I did not lose any in cutting from the base). I also took some Evergreen strip plastic and scribed with a vee-shaped file to simulate stick on wheel weights. The strip is thicker than I wanted, but I could not find a thinner one in my stash that would work. Given where they are on the wheel, the effect looks good.



For the tires, other than spare, I sanded the treads to give a more realistic look. Unfortunately, the Michelin decals supplied for the tires by Tamiya did not stick at all (dry transfer). I don't know if it is age of the decals or something else. The waterslide decals seem to be fine (I store all decals in zip seal plastic bags to protect them. I'll need to figure out a solution for that, or just let them go.



Clean up was generally easy, given it is a Tamiya kit. There are some ejector pin marks that needed some attention, and some that would not be visible once finished. After cleaning, I applied Tamiya Fine White Primer and then started the color painting using their acrylics. In most cases the colors brushed on decently, including good blending. In some cases, mainly semi-gloss black, there was some roughness needing attention. In just about every case, a

second light coat was needed and some additional touchup after parts assembly. So far, the chassis bottom and suspension components are done and need assembly. On the body, I scribed out door, trunk and hood lines to make them deeper and cut out the top grill section to make way for a PE piece. Next steps are chassis assembly, interior and body work."

Ken Takahashi CA



"This is the Fujimi Ferrari 250 GTO, a very detailed kit but very fiddly when it comes the assembly, especially when you get a nice smooth finish and then have a bunch of small chrome bits to attach."



"Had given up on this when I busted up the suspension trying to squeeze the wheels on. Came back later with a cooler mind and was able to fix her and finish it. I've learned to treat red Ferraris with a lot of respect!"



Gary Dobson IL



Next projected started.



Chuck Herrmann NM



"Happy St Patricks Day. Green Ferrari California, drift style. This was built for our club same kit build project several years ago (2011). The Revell Ferrari California kit when it was new. You could have picked either the coupe or the spyder."



Also on the bench are two AMT 63 Nova Wagons, one is the original issue with the neat six cylinder engine.



The Scavenger

By Earl Spiegelberg IL



"Just completed one I named the "Scavenger": Began with an old LA Chopper kit I picked up at a toy show. She was missing a few parts and had a couple of broken parts but was able to salvage her by "scavenging" some parts from my parts box.



I made some Panhead rocker boxes and a few other parts and finished her off with five coats of Testors purple flip-flop over classic black followed by six coats of clear over the artwork. All the chrome is Alclad with the exception of the rims."



***Keep Safe, build more
model cars!***

RAMONA'S RED RAT ROD



1932 Ford Rat Rod

By Dave Roeder MO



I was looking at some images of Rat Rods on the Internet and found a lot of 1930 Ford model A Tudor sedans with serious channel and chop jobs set on frames that were ZEE'D front and rear. I decided to build one of these and bought a MPC 1932 Ford Panel truck kit to use as a starting point. This kit has a modern chassis with an open driveline and modern rear suspension. The front axle is the old standard buggy spring with a slight drop. It has slit wishbone radius rods and friction shocks.

In order to get this car all the way on the ground I had to first channel the body and interior four inches. I sectioned that amount from the interior tub and then cut the frame at the front of the engine mounts and began scratch building the new frame and front axle mount. Once the frame was Zee'D, I had to reinforce the sides with .004" sheet lead super glued in place.

The rear suspension was also Zee'D to bring the rear tires right up to the edge of the rear windows. This was also reinforced with styrene strip and sheet lead.

The front wheels are from the MPC kit with whitewall tires from the parts box. The rears are from MPC 1928 Lincoln. I stripped the chrome and painted them Honduras Maroon. The chrome is all Molotow chrome pens.



The rear axle and frame was Zee'D by cutting the assembly and moving it up into the body at the rear. I cut the interior tub off at the rear of the seat mounts, then fit that floor piece back into top of the rear of the interior. I scratch built a rear passenger compartment wall from .004" sheet lead. This turned the sedan into a two seat car.

I chose a 430 cubic inch Lincoln engine for the power. It has a modern carb, air filter and alternator and is hooked up to a three speed GM transmission.



Once I had the chassis fitted to the body, I was going to chop the roof. To check the fit I use a driver guy from the 1950's. Because I was using padded jump seats from a 1928 Lincoln as the two front seats, the driver was sitting higher than he would have been in aluminum bomber seats which are common on these rat rods. I decide not to chop the top because the driver fit nicely in this setup. I figured this would make this a more comfortable Street Rod. The end result was a really low body in the current Rat Rod fashion.





I turned the panel body into a Tudor sedan by removing the rear door. Since this was going to be a really low car, I added a Ross type steering box and steering gear from the cowl to the front pitman arm. I shortened the door height by re-scribing the lower edge and filled the old panel lines. I added a fuel filler and gas cap to the rear left quarter.



I was originally going to chop the top, but decided to leave it full height. Body has rear axle cutout for channeled body drop over frame rails. I moved the bottom of the doors up to clear the exhaust system and added Ross type steering gear.



Low view shows cut down door edge and Ross type steering arm. Ramona is in the drivers' seat.

The chassis was completed by adding rear shocks from the kit, a fuel tank and battery box. I shortened the driveshaft .156" and mounted the Lincoln motor in place. I modified a set of old style street rod headers with attached external mufflers.



I mounted the 1932 Ford radiator from the MPC kit up in front of the axle and lowered it to align with the channeled body.



I added the headlights and the two radiator brace rods made from brass wire.



I added a scratch built pitman arm and drag link mounted on the outside of the cowl area. Other details were the gas filler tube and cap and Ramona sitting inside. I used the kit windows.



I finished up the rear with a set of Cadillac style bullet taillights, a license plate and a chopped 1932 Ford rear bumper.



I call the paint job 50 shades of Red. The rust color is old Floquil Polly Scale rust. The roof is Tamiya rubber black with a wash of Floquil Polly Scale dust. The entire weathering is hand painted with various shades of red.



This was a fun build and something where the paint job took the most time.



GTR Event Calendar

With all the continuing disruption and uncertainty caused by the Corona virus crisis, all dates are of course tentative. With the latest virus results some 2021 shows are being cancelled or delayed.

Please check directly with the event hosts as events are being rescheduled or canceled daily. I will update as I am informed of changes, also I will share the notices on the GTR Facebook page.

Mar 14 Postponed new date TBD 30th Annual Cedarville Model Car Contest and Swap Meet
Jane Adams Community Center, Cedarville, IL
Facebook page: Cedarville Toy Show and Model Car Contest
May 23 NNL North

April 4 Happy Easter

April 17 Milwaukee NNL see new location

Milwaukee
NNL 28 1/2
THEME HOT RODS
Sub Theme: RAT RODS
HOSTED BY THE AUTO MODELERS GROUP
SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2021 3-9pm
PALLAS RESTAURANT/ARIS SPORTS BAR
1657 S 108TH ST.
WEST ALLIS, WI 53214 (414)771-8800
FOR MORE INFORMATION E-Mail us
tnowak333.tn@gmail.com seottiekt1@charter.net
WITH LIMITED SPACE, WE WILL HAVE NO CLUB DISPLAY AWARDS THIS YEAR.
PLEASE REFRAIN FROM LARGE DISPLAYS/OBSTRUCTIONS.
WE ALSO ASK TO PLEASE WEAR A MASK

NNL NORTH
MODEL CAR SHOW & CONTEST
SUNDAY, MAY 23rd, 2021
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL 1114 AMERICAN BLVD. W
BLOOMINGTON MN, 10AM TO 4PM
This Year's Awards
PEOPLE'S CHOICE TOP TEN + JUNIOR BEST IN SHOW
BEST COMPETITION VEHICLE (Presented by AFM)
BEST ROAD CAR (Presented by Wisconsin MCC)
BEST RAT ROD (Presented by Nick Amberg)
SIZELIN' SIXTIES AWARD (Presented by Bob Holliday)
"Cars you would see on Route 66 pre 1968"
(Presented by WCCM)
BEST AUTOMOBILE ITALIA SUBJECT
(Presented by Marsha Andron)

June 12-13 Heartland Nationals Contest and Swap Meet. Hosted by the KC Slammers Model Car Club. www.kcslammers.com, Overland Park Conv. Center, Overland Park, KS. Contact Bill Barker, wlb19@yahoo.com, special theme: "American Graffiti."

August 1 Summer NNL
GTR and Lake Michigan Model Car Club Present
The Summer NNL – for 2021 Swap Meet Only

April 18 Cancelled Milwaukee Miniature Motors Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI

April-May Virtual Desert Sale Classic, Phoenix AZ – now virtual – enter by May 31. www.dscv17.com.



June 12 now Sep 18 2021 IPMS Region 5 Convention –hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL.

OUT OF THE BOX
Keep it simple & think inside the box.
McHenry County College
8900 US Highway 14
Crystal Lake, Illinois
WIN Gold Silver Bronze Prizes from a \$1000 Raffle
September 9/18/20 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
VENDOR AREA GIGANTIC RAFFLE
Items, Photos, and Info Follow us on Facebook
General admission is \$5 (please see us in IL show booth for more info)
and Ten Free items (100) with valid IL Driver's License
\$10 to enter the 100 numbered raffle on 9/18.

Sep 26 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Info contact: (630) 969-1847
Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

October 30 Winnebago Area Modelers Classic
Hosted by Winnebago Auto Modelers
Hilton Garden Inn Oshkosh WI

Oct 17 Countryside Collectors Classic Toy Show
Park Place of Countryside, Countryside IL
Phone: Jim Welytok 262-366-1314
e-mail: Unievents1@aol.com
Web site address: <http://uniqueeventsshows.com>

Nov 7 Scale Auto Hobby and Toy Show
American Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI???????
e-mail: Unievents1@aol.com
Web site address: <http://uniqueeventsshows.com>

Dec 5 Tinley Park Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park HS, Tinley Park IL
e-mail: Unievents1@aol.com
Web site address: <http://uniqueeventsshows.com>

If any readers wish their shows or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to GTR.

Virtual Contests

Two IPMS contests that have been changed to virtual events are:

IPMS Mexico Nacional y International 2021
www.ipmsmexico.org

IPMS Italy 1st Concorso Internazionle IPMS Italia di Modlellismo Statica Online
Facebook – IPMS Italia

I think it is always interesting to see what modelers around the world are doing so I will probably give these a shot. Lots cheaper than traveling there.

Great Salt Lake Final Event has been Postponed One Year to 2023



The Trustees of the GSL International Scale Vehicle Championship and Convention have decided to postpone the GSL Finale until May of 2023. (The event was originally scheduled for early May of 2022). This decision was made after consulting with medical sources, the GSL Board of Trustees, the host hotel, and GSL competitors about the impact of the Covid-19 virus. The postponement takes into account the likely time frame in which competitors and attendees feel it would be safe to travel to Salt Lake. You will be updated by follow-up emails as information is available including when the revised website is ready for your enjoyment.

Plans for the Finale include a retrospective of GSL's people and history, some spectacular features and events, and from what we've heard, the fiercest and most challenging competition ever.

Plan on being at GSL-XXVIII - the Finale WILL be presented!

— The GSL Board of Trustees —

If you have any questions, please reply to Mark S. Gustavson at mark@borlan.com - be sure to put "GSL" in the subject line



GTR on Facebook

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