



GTR

Newsletter

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Hello GTR and Friends:
By Steve Jahnke

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I hope Santa was good to you and your family this year. Now that things are settling back down to normal after the holidays, it's back to the bench. If your home is anything like mine, Christmas and New Year's mean a lot of family get to gather's, a couple of birthdays, grand children sleep overs, as well as other family celebrations thrown in for good measure.

As I have mentioned many times in the past, we know that the "internet is your friend", right? When modeling I use the 'net' almost on daily basis searching for pictures of the 1:1 car colors, engine bay and interior shots for inspiration for the build. I always have several kits in process, especially painting new kit bodies in the "color of the day" as well as historically correct colors. For inspiration I go to the Google search engine, which is very human friendly and easy to use



as illustrated by this photo of the Corvette C7 race car I am currently building from the recent Revel kit. We here at GTR wish all of you a happy new year and hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings at the Algonquin township building 3702 U.S. Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014 on the first Saturday of each month.
Steve

Auto Modelers Grand Touring & Racing

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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. 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" or "Doug Fisher" as we could not get a "club" named bank account)

GTR Members: Please see our IPMS renewal notice on page 3 of this newsletter. Please send your IPMS number and expiration date ASAP to me personally at stevejahnke@comcast.net



MAILBAG

by Chuck Herrmann

Real World

Neil Young's 53 Buick brings \$400K at auction

72-year-old folk-rock singer-songwriter Neil Young's 1953 Buick Roadmaster Skylark was sold at auction for \$400,000. It featured a with a steering wheel hub that says, "Customized for Neil Young".



His extensive collection of model trains (at one time Young owned the Lionel model train company) sold for nearly \$300,000 at auction.

Young, best known for his Woodstock-era songs as well as his work with the bands Buffalo Springfield and Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young has said the vast model train layouts at his California ranch helped him connect with his son Ben, who has cerebral palsy.

Industry News

New Revell Kits

Revell to issue Ford GT Race Car kit



The internet is abuzz with the news that Revell will be releasing a kit of the modern FORD GT race car soon. This has been seen on several websites, including HobbyLink Japan so it should

be true. We await further details. You will no longer have to extensively update the earlier Revell snapper kit to do the IMSA/LeMans winner.

Revell has released two new NASCAR kits



Chase Elliott #24 Chevy SS



Danica Patrick's #10 Ford Fusion.

Events

See the events calendar for details for all the events that I know of. We will be adding 2018 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 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.



Bench Racing column is on break

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 and I will include them in future editions.



GTR News

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be on Saturday, January 6 at, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Township Building. All future regular monthly meetings will continue to 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.

It is IPMS USA chapter renewal season. We need at least five current IPMS/USA members to continue as a chapter, so please contact Steve at (stevejahnke@comcast.net) with your IPMS number and expiration date, this is critical for renewal for our 2018 GTR charter.

December GTR Meeting

The December GTR meeting was held on 12/2/2017. There was a fair amount of business undertaken in December. Major items were:

1. The 2018 NNL themes are Crazy 8's and Asian Invasion. Crazy 8's has to be an entry with any connection to the number 8 [number of cylinders, year of car, name of car etc.]. Asian Invasion must be a car connected in some way to Asia [make, designer, etc.]
2. We have set up an NNL team to work for the next 8 months to set up the 2018 NNL. More on the details next month.
3. We decided to spend a little money on the club members from our treasury. We will have a new contest category open to only club members at the NNL. If you want to participate, notify Doug Fisher or Steve Jahnke by email and we will buy each member a snap tite VW bug model. Your job will be to customize it in any way and display it at the NNL. No holds barred contest - let your imagination go wild.
4. We will be publishing guidelines for each modeling category for the NNL next month for the club review. Sadly, we do need some documentation on what should be in each NNL category.

On to Show & Tell. Here are some photos of the models on the tables.



Dave Green with his monthly impressive display of cool stuff



Ed Sexton with a test shot of the Revell of Germany Porsche Panamera



Dave Edgecomb with the newest Tamiya Mercedes racecar



Dave Edgecomb with the BMW M6



Steve Jahnke Camaro Indy pace car



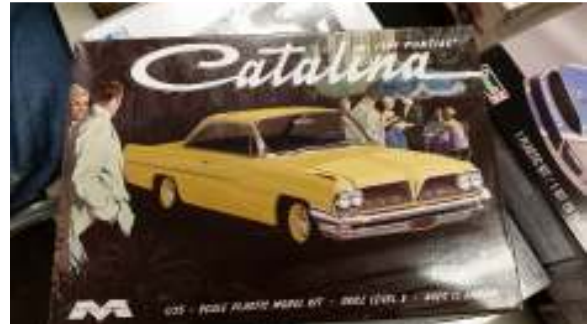
Ed Sexton with Grease 50th anniversary of the movie 48 Ford



Steve Jahnke JGSDF light truck



Doug Fisher's Mercury Capri



Steve Jahnke Mobius Catalina



Doug Fisher with a Tamiya factory built Nissan Calsonic GTR



Review: Bobby Allison's Coca-Cola Chevy NASCAR



Description: Chevy Monte Carlo NASCAR Stock Car

Manufacturer: AMT

Kit #: 1064 **Scale:** 1/25

Reviewed by Elliott Doering

Bobby Allison is one of NASCAR's most famous drivers, ranking high up on the all-time winner's list, as well as capturing NASCAR's "Most Popular Driver" awards many times. Along with "Red" Farmer, the founder of the infamous "Alabama Gang", brother Donnie, son Davey, and good friend Neil Bonnet, these rough and ready good old boys, fought a life-time feud with the Pettys during the 1970s era of NASCAR racing, some of the most exciting racing in NASCAR history.

Around 1972, Bobby hooked up with another Hall of Famer – the legendary "Junior" Johnson, who had just completed building a 1972 Chevy Monte Carlo. Bobby shocked the racing world when he and Junior announced they had secured massive sponsorship from Coca-Cola, and the legend of the red and gold #12 "Coke Machine" began.

The Monte Carlo body worked extremely well. So well, that at the closing of the 1972 NASCAR season, Bobby had won 10 times to Petty's 8, and finished in the top five 25 times out of 31 races that year, to finish second to Richard Petty in the run for the 1972 NASCAR championship.

Armed with a very powerful 427 cubic inch big block Chevy motor, Allison waged a season long personal "feud" with Petty, often resulting in some "after race altercations".

This only added to the superstar status of both of these top drivers. The fans seemed equally divided between loyal Allison fans, or Petty fans. Both Chevy and Dodge pumped tons of money into each team, during the season-long battle for supremacy on the high banks.

I well remember tuning in to Motor Racing Network's weekly coverage of the 1972 NASCAR season, while attending college in California, and when AMT released this kit back in 1972, the kits just flew off the shelves at area hobby shops. Every car modeler wanted to build this kit. And this recent re-release of that 1972 kit, is very well received. It's on the shelves for the New Year at many local hobby shops.

Let's take a look at this exciting kit. To be honest, it's not a state-of-the art kit, it's still vintage 1972 era model technology. But, that doesn't mean it can't be altered to bring it up to 2017 model standards with a little work.

I've seen this model built upon a more modern AMT stock car chassis, rendering more detail than what's present in the kit. With slight frame modifications, the more modern type NASCAR frame can be joined with the kit's Monte Carlo body.

Being a very simple kit, there are only six assembly blocks to build this historic car.

As with most kits, assembly begins with the 427 Chevy Motor. The kit's motor lacks a lot of detail, but after-market parts, or a bit of kit bashing will bring it up to snuff. As with most kits of any era, the carb is rather poorly detailed, and a resin 4-barrel Holley carb will look a lot better. The rest of the motor isn't all that bad.

The two halves of the motor block are glued up. Don't forget to file and sand away the joint seam. The heads and valve covers, race oil pan and the front water pump looks the part, as well as the belts and fan. You get the correct plenum chamber to top with the Weiland intake manifold, and the valve covers include oil breathers. I'd also opt for a pre-wired distributor, drill plug holes, and wire the motor, as well as adding carb linkage, fuel lines etc.

The wheels in step two are not all that great. They are period correct, but just look a bit toyish and clunky. A far better solution would be to get sets of 1970s Weld wheels thru Plastic Performance Products, available thru Southern Motorsports Hobbies, as well as a set of their 1970s tires.

In step three, we work with the frame, which already has the stock muffler and exhaust removed, to make way for a racing exhaust system. A racing fuel cell is included on the one piece chassis, and only needs a bit of detail painting to bring it to life. The drive line is also one piece, and includes the trailing arm suspension, differential, drive shaft, and rear end oil pump. A rear axle brace is also included. Dual shocks for the rear end are added, and the completed motor is set into the frame, and then the race exhaust headers are mated to the motor.

The rear wheels are set into the frame with the included metal axle. You may have to do some modifications if you elect to use the PPP

wheels and tires I noted earlier, or if you plan to use a modern AMT stock car frame under this kit's body.

In step four, we attack the interior. While an accurate roll cage is included, I found it does not sit high enough to get the top of the roll cage up into the inside roof of the body. Those using a modern AMT stock car chassis with this body will no doubt need to make modifications as well.

Or, you can either graft on pieces to extend the legs of the roll cage, to raise it into proper position. A Thermos water jug, rear end cooler, and fire extinguisher are included for the race interior. However, some of these parts are a bit small. I'd kit bash these parts from a modern stock car kit.

The interior pan is one piece, and has the rear seat already removed for you. A period correct race seat is included, but again I'd kit bash one to replace the kit's seat. The firewall is attached to the front of the interior pan, along with a race dash, and steering wheel. There are no gauge decals included, but you can add them from a Slixx decal sheet.

We start building the body in step five. The glass is one piece with runners connecting the windshield and rear window, for very easy assembly. The completed interior with roll cage etc. is then inserted into the body after the glass has been added.

A note is made that you should dry fit the car's hood and front bumper and grill when placing the radiator air shroud. You may need to sand down the top edge of the shroud as needed to prevent a gap between the hood and grill. The radiator is also added to the motor bay in the body.

In block six, the rear spoiler is added to the car's trunk area. It looks a bit thick, and a thinner one could be made from sheet plastic.

The frontal frame braces get added to the firewall and front of the chassis. You are left to place the battery in any optional location, but most were added to the back corner of the frame.

The gas cap gets added to the indentation made in the rear quarter panel, front spoiler is added below the front grille/bumper, and the side exhaust dumps are mated to the headers. The front grille and bumper are then added, along with head light covers. The rear bumper is then added. A racing gas can is included, to display along with the car.

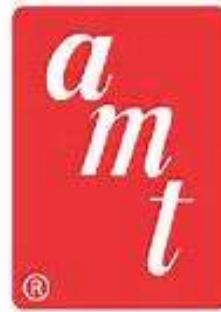
AMT has updated this kit with a high quality decal sheet, containing the full markings for the car. The car has red sides, with a gold hood, roof, and trunk area. The Coca-Cola decals are included, along with speed product decals for the fenders. Also, the four racing tires are Tampo stamped with white Goodyear lettering.

You can elect to build the car right out of the box, into a fairly accurate representation of Bobby Allison's Monte Carlo, or as noted, you

can slice and dice a chassis to fit the body, and kit bash parts as well thru-out your build.

With only six assembly blocks, the kit proceeds well and easily along. With adult help, a child of eight could tackle this kit. Skill level is at two.

This car is one of NASCAR's most historic cars, a true racing legend. I rate it about a 7, only because the kit's 1970s technology, and lacks somewhat in detail, with some toy-like, clunky parts. If you're into building vintage historic NASCAR models, this kit belongs in your collection. Grab one, and start the New Year off with a bang! ED



The Real Thing





GTR Event Calendar

2018

Jan 6-20 Dakar Rally
Bolivia, Peru Argentina

Jan 21 Scale Auto, Hobby & Toy Swap Meet
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
Phone: Jim Welytok (262) 246-7171
e-mail: unievents@aol.com
<http://uniqueeventsshows.com/>

Jan 27 Rolex 24 at Daytona
IMSA Daytona International Speedway, FL

Feb 9-18 106th Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place, Chicago IL
<http://www.chicagoautoshow.com/>

February 18 Daytona 500 NASCAR
Daytona International Speedway, FL NASCAR

Feb 18 Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL,
(630) 969-1847 or Email: pthpowerinc@aol.com

March 3, 2018 Mad City Modelers 23rd annual
Model Show, Theme: "The Sixties", \$10.00 for
first 5 entries, \$1.00 each additional, Spectators
\$2.00, Madison Labor Temple, Registration 9-
Noon, Awards at 4:00 PM

March 17 12 Hours of Sebring
Sebring, FLA IMSA

April 14 2018 Auto Modelers Group NNL 26
Theme: 70 Years of NASCAR, Sub Theme:
Show Rods, 3:00 – 9:0 PM, The Excellence
Center, Waukesha. Info: tnowak@wi.rr.com
scottiek1@charter.net

Apr 15 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Spring
Show, Waukesha County Expo Center,
Waukesha, WI
Call 262-366-1314

May 18-19 HMCA 38th Swap Meet and Contest
Hosted by Hoosier Model Car Club
Contest Theme: *The Chevrolet Impala*
Johnson County Fairground, Franklin, IN
John White dakotajohn@embarqmail.com

May 19 2018 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/Moss Branson, MO

May 27 Indy 500
Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 16 NIMCON 7
NIMCON 7: Saturday, June 16, 2018
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL 60012
see: www.lakesregionmodelers.com for more info

Aug 1-4 2018 IPMS/USA Nationals
Phoenix, AZ

Aug 4 GTR Summer NNL
Themes: Crazy 8 & Asian Invasion

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

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



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.

IPMS Calendar

May 19 2018 IPMS Region 5 Convention
hosted by IPMS/Moss Branson, MO

Aug 1-4 2018 IPMS/USA Nationals
Phoenix, AZ

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