



# **GTR**

## **Newsletter**

### **February 2014**

**GTR's 15th Anniversary 1999-2014**



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## **GTR Auto Modelers**

**Based in the Chicago, IL Northwest Suburbs**

**2002/2003 IPMS/USA Region 5 Chapter of the Year**

**2007 and 2008 IPMS/USA Region 5 Newsletter of the Year**

**2014 Meetings: Every 1st Saturday @ 7:00 p.m.**

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# GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

## NASCAR Owner to try Formula 1?

NASCAR owner Gene Haas wants to compete in Formula One. Haas is the largest manufacturer of CNC machines on the planet and on top of that owns his own wind tunnel. So capital is there to enter a bid for a team for 2015. The plan is to get engines from Ferrari, with plans to have the necessary equipment to build chassis in house, but the first models would come from Dallara.

Lastly, Haas has gained the support of former Red Bull team manager Guenther Steiner, who will take the position of team manager.

Since Tony Stewart is one of his NASCAR partners, maybe he will finally get his chance to race in F1?

From [www.motorsport.com](http://www.motorsport.com)

## INDUSTRY NEWS.



Last month I did a First Look article the new Revell 1968 Beetle kit. This led to feedback from readers and more web research. The kit cannot build a US stock Beetle, the bumpers and engine are not correct for that year. So maybe the "California Wheels" designation is to represent a modified street Bug. The Revell Germany Convertible kit (which I do not have-yet) has some different parts that may be can be kitbashed to make a real 68?

Despite the buzz everyone seems to agree this is a nice kit and an positive upgrade to the old Revell 1/25 mold. I have just started to work on it after finishing some other projects so I hope to follow up with a build article shortly.

## EVENTS

The Cedarville swap and Contest has been confirmed for March 9.

The Ferrari Expo has been confirmed for March 22 at Continental Auto Sports in Hinsdale, IL. There will be the usual model contest along with the fabulous Ferrari and Italian car swap meet. GTR has reserved some tables in the vendor room.

See the events calendar for details for all of the events that I know of. If any readers wish their events or any other events of interest to GTR listed send the information along to me.



## IPMS News



GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2014. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. For 2014, we have been successfully renewed as an IPMS chapter, we had enough National IPMS members but we always can use some more. So we urge 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](http://www.ipmsusa.org).

The 2014 IPMS/USA National Convention website is now up, link to it through the IPMS/USA page.

# **GTR News**

## **GTR Update**

### **2014 7<sup>th</sup> Annual GTR Summer NNL**

GTR will again host our annual Summer NNL, on Sunday August 3, 2014 at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 50 Years of Pony Cars

The next regular meeting will be Saturday, February 1 at the Algonquin Township Building.

The 2014 GTR Club Calendar is available. Steve Jahnke couldn't get the final version to the meeting but he had a printout – great work again Steve! Cost will be \$10 to GTR members, order your calendars from Steve or Chuck. We will have some available for next meeting, They are printed on demand so we can get as many as we need.

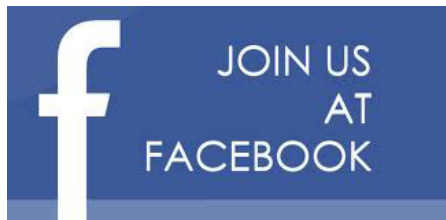
Future regular monthly meetings will meet at the Algonquin Township Building. Any member who wants to bring up other ideas or suggestions for future meetings or activities, do so either at the meeting or contact me.

### **GTR Classifieds:**

**Wanted:** Wheels and tires for Tamiya 1/24 Porsche 961 kit.

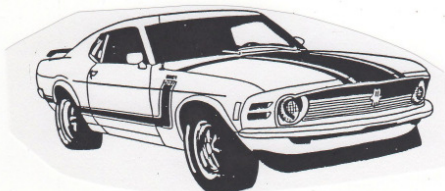
Contact Chuck Herrmann at gtrchab@yahoo.com

## **GTR is on Facebook**



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up! We now have over 80 friends.

## **2014 GTR Club Project**



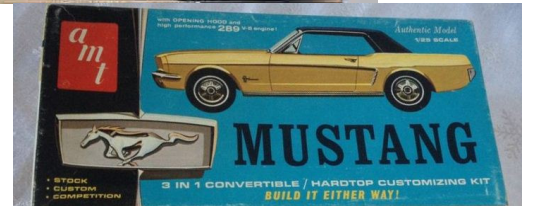
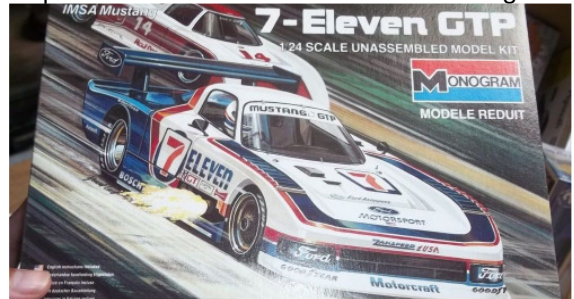
The 2014 GTR Club Project will again reflect the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 50 Years GTR Auto Modelers *Newsletter*

of Pony Cars. Finish a Pony Car between now and the NNL in August, bring it to a meeting, the NNL or send a photo to me and your 2014 dues will be refunded!

The first finished project kit this year was by Dave Green. Dave completed a Revell 1971 Dodge Challenger, the car from the movie Vanishing Point, from the pre painted die cast body kit. See the cover photo this month. So Dave gets his 2014 GTR dues refunded!



So start planning your project and get building! Let's get more built project models this year. For inspiration here are some Mustang kits!



# January Meeting

The first regular meeting of 2014 was held Saturday, January 5 at the Algonquin Township Building. Despite some continued severe winter weather which held down attendance, we had six members who filled the display table and had a lively bench racing and modeling discussion. After the treasury report and the mailbag, we talked about the club T-Shirts for next year, the upcoming events and the 2014 club calendar.

. Then it was on to Show and Tell, here are pictures of some of the stuff on the tables.

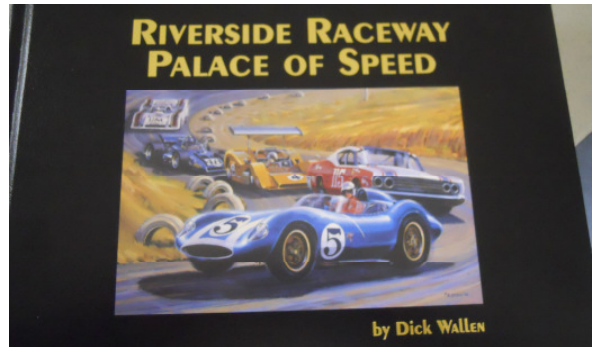
**Ed Sexton:** Ed brought in the kit built and used for the cover art for the new Revell 2103 Mustang Boss 302 kit. This will be available in March, and features of a lot of new parts compared to the other recent current generation Mustang kits.



Ed also brought a resin bodied Eagle CART racer, a resin body by Kevin Kuzman on a Revell Reynard CART donor kit using Indycal decals.



**Larry Fulhorst:** Larry brought in a book with the history of racing at Riverside California, also



a new Monogram 1/32 slot car of the 1965 Riverside 500 NASCAR winning Ford Galaxie driven by Dan Gurney,



**Dave Green:** Dave brought in a completed GTR project car (the Revell die cast bodied kit of the Dodge Challenger from the movie Vanishing Point) – see the cover photo. Also a built Gas Ronda 1968 Mustang drag car from the Revell kit.



And the latest 1960 Ranchero and 1969 Chevelle convertible kits from Round 2.



**Steve Jahnke:** A Jimmy Flintstone resin body of a 1953 Ford wagon for the Lindberg donor kit,



Also some kits he just acquired, including an old (1985?) Celica Supra from MPC.



**Chuck Herrmann:** Two Pony Car project kits in progress. The Revell 1996 Camaro Trans Am racer, and



an AMT 1966 Mustang glue bomb restoration.

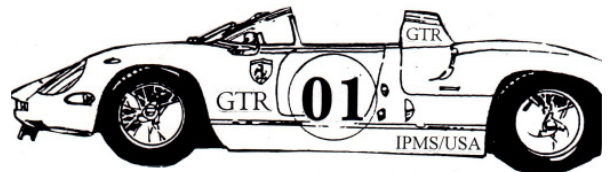


# Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014



This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first meeting of the Grand Touring and Racing Auto Modelers.

In the early years we had a different logo race car each year, reflected in the numerals on the body. In 2001 it was a Ferrari 275P. This was inspired by the Monogram kit which was reissued around that time.



I will be highlighting some historic milestone events in this newsletter throughout the year.

# 60 Years of Ferrari Sports Car Racing in North America

2014 marks sixty ears of Ferrari involvement in North American sports car racing. Luigi Chinetti, who famously drove a Ferrari 166M for 23 ½ hours to win the 1949 24 Hours of Le Mans, became the company's first sales agent in North America. Chinetti also established his North American Racing Team (NART), which would put Ferrari on the domestic competition map by participating in the country's most important endurance races.



NART won the 1964 Daytona Continental 2000km with a Ferrari 250 GTO driven by Phil Hill and Pedro Rodriguez. This win came on the back of a class victory in 1962 in the Daytona Continental (Sir Stirling Moss in a Ferrari 250GT) and an overall victory for Rodriguez in 1963 in a 250 GTO.



1967 would bring Ferrari's most famous moment at Daytona. Against the might of the Ford factory at the height of the Ferrari and Ford battles at Le Mans, Ferrari scored a one-two-three overall finish in the Rolex 24 At Daytona. Chris Amon and Lorenzo Bandini won the race

with Mike Parkes and Ludovico Scarfiotti finishing second in a pair of factory-entered Ferrari 330 P4s, with Pedro Rodriguez and Jean Gichet finishing third in a NART-entered 412P. The photo finish remains one of the most famous images of Ferrari motorsport. In fact, the result led Ferrari's new 365 GTB/4 to be nicknamed the "Daytona."



There have been other famous racing Ferraris since, from prototypes like the 512 (Sebring winner), the 512BB and the



333SP (Daytona and Sebring wins).



And the beat goes on, with recent GT class champions like the 360 and 458.



# “Mister 500” Andy Granatelli RIP

by Chuck Herrmann

Andy Granatelli, long time race team owner and STP promoter and also known as Mister 500, died December 29 at the age of 90. His involvement in motorsport stems back all the way to the 1940s, when he tried to qualify for the Indianapolis 500. He was injured in an accident during that attempt, which forced him out of the cockpit. After running several service and parts shops with his brothers in the Chicago, as well as promoting races including stock cars at Soldier Field, he became a successful businessman, working for Studebaker and then managing and promoting STP Oil treatment products. Granatelli bought Tuneup Masters in 1976 for \$300,000 and sold it for \$60 million in 1986. He entered dozens of cars in the Indianapolis 500, some of which were very noteworthy. Such as the last of the Novi engined Indy cars in the early 1960's.

In 1967 and 1968 he achieved racing immortality by entering turbine powered race cars at Indy, including for Parnelli Jones and Joe Leonard only to see both the cars fail with only laps remaining to claim an Indy 500 crown.

The following year he won the 500 with Mario Andretti behind the wheel. He also used motor racing to promote the STP Corporation into a household name, sponsoring cars in many series, including “King” Richard Petty in NASCAR for many years.



STP sponsored cars appeared in many top level racing series including Grand Prix racing.



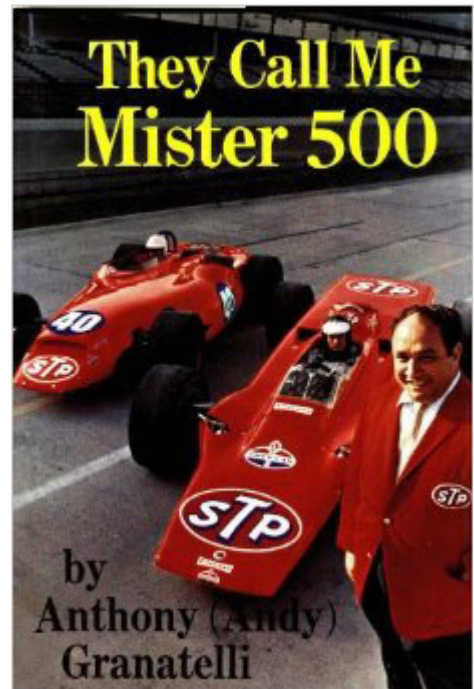
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As a kid in the late '60s I remember we used to beg for STP stickers in local gas stations and repair shops. I did land a few.



In 1968 he published his biography, *They Call Me Mister 500*.



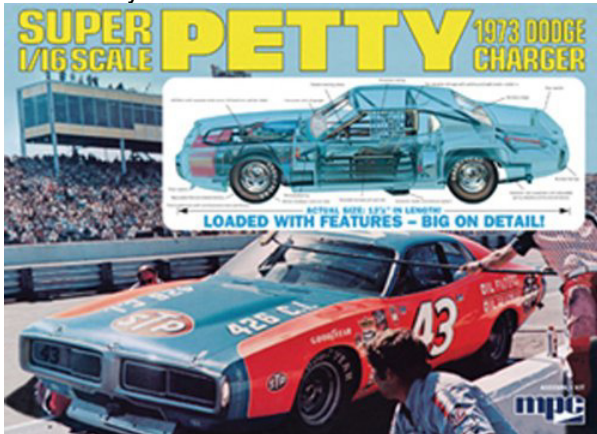
There were many STP sponsored cars that were turned into model kits. Probably the most available was the MPC 1/25 kit of the 1968 Turbine "wedge" which has been reissued numerous times.



And of course there were many STP stock car kits, lots of 1/24 and 1/25 and



most recently the 1/16 1973 Dodge Charger reissued by MPC.



Also there were many resin aftermarket kits issued. Some of these have been built and shown by GTR members, like Larry Fulhorst's Porsche Can-Am car driven by Joe Siffert in 1/43,



and the Jorgensen Resin Cars 1/24 STP Indy Turbine built by your author.



A very rare kit is this 1967 Turbine in 1/20 by MPC.







# GTR Event Calendar

January 25-25 Rolex 24 Hours  
United Sports Car Championship  
Daytona, FL

January 26 Rockford Wheels in Scale Swap Meet  
Ken-Rock Community Center  
Rockford, IL

Feb. 23 Daytona 500 NASCAR

Feb 23 63rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

March 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show  
American Serb Hall Milwaukee WI  
[www.uniqueeventsshows.com](http://www.uniqueeventsshows.com)

March 9 Cedarville Model Car Swap & Contest  
Jane Adams Comm.Center Cedarville IL  
Theme: Movie/TV Cars  
815-238-0634

March 22 Ferrari Expo with Contest  
Continental Auto Sports  
Hinsdale, IL

March 23 Countryside Collectors Classic Show  
(with Strictly 43rd Show)  
Park Place of Countryside Countryside, IL  
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March 15 Sebring 12 Hours  
United Sports Car Championship  
Sebring, FL

April 12 Milwaukee NNL 22  
Hosted by Auto Modelers Group  
Theme: Semi Trailers, Pick Ups & Lite Commercial  
Sub Theme: 50 Years of the Ford Mustang  
Excellence Center, Waukesha, WI  
scottiekl@charter.net

Apr 13 Milwaukee Miniature Motors Show,  
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha, WI  
Call (262) 646-4114 (Voicemail) or email  
[jdunn07@centurytel.net](mailto:jdunn07@centurytel.net)  
<http://www.milwaukeeeminiaturemotors.com>

May 18 NNL North Show and Swap  
Knights of Columbus Hall Bloomington MN  
Bod Maderich 612-423-2985  
[www.rpmmodelclub.com](http://www.rpmmodelclub.com)

May 25 Indy 500

July 12 NIMCON III  
Hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region  
McHenry County College, Crystal Lake IL

July 13 Attack of the Plastic  
Lake Delavan WI

August 3 GTR SUMMER NNL 7  
Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars  
Algonquin Township Building  
Crystal Lake, IL  
[www.gtrchab@yahoo.com](mailto:www.gtrchab@yahoo.com)

Aug 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention  
Hampton VA  
[www.ipmsusa.org](http://www.ipmsusa.org)

Sep. 28 63rd Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show  
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL  
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Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted  
by IPMS/West Central Missouri  
Kansas City, MO

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show  
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL  
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IPMS/USA Nationals at Hampton, VA.  
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2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in  
Columbus, OH