



GTR's 15th
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GTR Mailbag



by Chuck Herrmann

MEDIA



James Garner has Passed Away



Actor and racing enthusiast James Garner passed away in July at age 86. Despite an acting career in film and television stretching five decades, it's no coincidence that a pair of his most famous roles involved cars: the iconic 1966 Formula One racing flick *Grand Prix*, and behind the wheel of his tire-squealing Pontiac Firebird Esprit in the television program *Rockford Files* during the mid-1970s. Most eulogies will be covering his acting career, so in these pages we will remember him as a racer and car guy.

Filming for the movie *Grand Prix* required the actors to drive authentic Formula 3 cars, modified to look like F1 cars of the era. Garner was so comfortable in the open-wheel cars, racing became a big part of his life after the movie was complete.

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Below: Fall 1968, James Garner makes a surprise visit to War Bonnet Raceway just outside Tulsa Oklahoma for one of the season ending SCCA races. Don Yenko had just won the races on Sunray's home track, in his Sunray DX sponsored "showroom" L-88 Corvette, and makes a parade lap with Garner who has the race queen sitting in his lap while he proudly holds up the trophy for all the spectators to see.

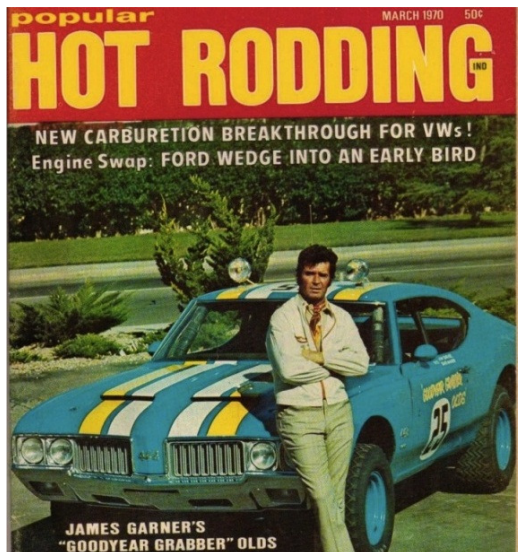


His American International Racers team entered cars at Le Mans, Daytona, and Sebring between 1967 and 1969.



AIR ran Lola T70 coupes as well as GT class Corvettes.





He raced an off road Olds 442 in the Baja, and cut a deal with American Motors Corporation and prepared 10 1969 SC/Ramblers for the Baja 500 race.



Garner also did a film, *The Racing Scene*, which was apparently a documentary on his real racing efforts.

After his competitive racing career finished, Garner continued his high-performance driving career piloting the pace car at the Indy 500 in 1975, 1977, and 1985.



Sammy Hagar to Buy LaFerrari



Rocker and entrepreneur Sammy Hagar, already owner of a half-dozen Prancing Horses, all of which he drives routinely, is adding one more: a \$1.4 million LaFerrari. Only 499 will be built, and one is destined for Hagar's garage. "I couldn't be more excited, and I'm buying it to drive it," says Hagar, whose passion for speed is neatly summarized in his autobiographical 1984 hit, *I Can't Drive 55*. The musician is no stranger to fast Maranello steeds. His first purchase dates back to the late '70s and a four-headlight 330 GT 2+2. When his solo album *Standing Hampton* raced up the charts a few years later, it was time to upgrade to a black 1982 512 BBi, that starred in Hagar's music video for *I Can't Drive 55*. He still owns the car, plus a 400i automatic coupe, an iconic Daytona, and a custom-painted (by Ferrari) black with red stripe 599 GTB. He also has a few vintage Ford Roadsters, a Lotus, an Aston Martin and many more.

While his Van Halen years produced some of the band's best-selling albums, the singer's entrepreneurial bent is responsible for most of his wealth. Hagar's tequila company, Cabo Wabo, named after his bar in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, sold a few years back to Gruppo Campari for nearly \$100 million.

He will fly to factory headquarters in Maranello sometime this winter in order to be fitted for the LaFerrari's trademark custom driver's seat, as well as choose the car's color palette and interior trim. Although known for decades as the Red Rocker, Hagar is sure of one thing: his LaFerrari won't be classic Rosso Ferrari, or even anything close. He he's honing in on a particular shade: white, along with a cream leather interior accented by carbon fiber. "Whatever I come up with has to feel timeless to me," he says. "I don't ever plan to sell it, but if I wanted to or had to one day, at least I won't be one of the hundreds of red ones out there."

REAL WORLD

Massa flips at German GP

The Martini Williams-Mercedes of Flippe Massa was hit at the start of this month's German GP at Hockenheim and flipped over in the gravel trap at turn 1. He was okay.



INDUSTRY NEWS

Round 2 is reissuing the MPC 1975 NASCAR Chevy Chevelle stocker kit



EVENTS

It's Time! The 2014 7th Annual GTR Summer NNL is Sunday August 3, 2014 at the traditional location, the Algonquin Township Center. The theme will be 50 Years of Pony Cars. See the NNL announcement page in this issue for full details

The next weekend will be the Road America TUDOR on Sunday August 10.

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.



Happy Birthday GTR! Fifteen Years, 1999-2014

When the local summer model event in the Crystal Lake area was in jeopardy in 2008, GTR stepped in at the last minute to host the GTR Summer NNL. This year we will host the 7th annual Summer GTR at the Algonquin Township Building.

GTR Update

The next regular GTR meeting will be Saturday, August 2 at the Algonquin Township Building. Since this is the night before our Summer NNL, right after the meeting we will set up the room for the contest on Sunday. We should have the new GTR club shirts available to pass out to those who ordered one, also a few extras if you didn't, so bring your money and get your shirt – final cost still TBD, watch for an email.

The 2014 GTR Club Calendar is still available! Cost is \$10 to GTR members. We have sold out but since they are printed on demand we can get as many as we need. Contact Steve or Chuck if you are interested.

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.

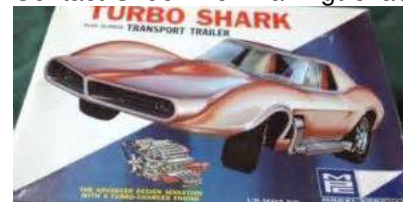
GTR Classifieds:

Wanted: a 1/24 scale AMC Javelin, to be converted into a slot car body.

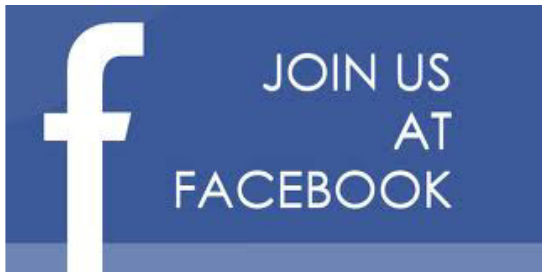
Contact: Larry Fulhorst fulhorst30@msn.com

Wanted: MPC Carl Kasper Turbo Shark

Contact Chuck Herrmann gtrchab@yahoo.com

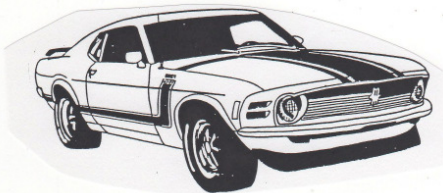


GTR is on Facebook



GTR now has a Facebook page. Check it out and join up!

2014 GTR Club Project



The 2014 GTR Club Project again reflects the GTR Summer NNL theme, which is 50 Years 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!

Time is running out, so if you have a build that qualifies get word to me by August 3. Let's get more built project models this year!

July GTR Meeting

The July GTR regular meeting was held Saturday, July 5 at the Algonquin Township Building. With this falling during the holiday weekend the attendance was anticipated to be low but it was actually a very well attended meeting! After the treasury report, during the business portion we discussed the club tables at the upcoming NIMCOM and Delevan shows. Then we took final orders for the new club shirts. Finally we went over some details for our upcoming Summer NNL.

Then it was on to Show and Tell. Here are some pictures of stuff on display.

Steve Jahnke: Among the stuff Steve brought in was this funky Gunze Messerschmitt anime style Japanese kit with the figures, apparently a Japanese TV or movie?



Dave Green: Dave brought in a 2008 Mustang Cobra Jet in progress.



And the new release of the 68 Camaro from AMT



Dave Edgecomb: Dave had a 1/43 diecast of the 2013 Pikes Peak winning Citroen, driven by Sebastian Loeb, and



also a Porsche 956 project, using the Studio 27 transkit to convert the Tamiya kit into a short tail version.



Ed Sexton: Ed had the “new” release of the Atlantis Models vintage Alfa Romeo and Lago Talbot combination kit, actually a repop of the old Smer kits.



Also he had a great looking 1/24 Revell Germany Mercedes Benz Unimog kit as raced at the Paris-Dakar Rally. This car was partly sponsored by Revell



Gerry Paquette: the new reissue of the BRE Nissan Datsun 501 from Revell, along with his



1968 Firebird Sprint project, repainted from last time we saw it. And the interior tub just about finished, nicely detailed.



Paul Heber: Good to see Paul again, and he brought in a lot of stuff. Two race cars, the Revell Trans Am Mustang.



And the Revell ASA Camaro.



Also an older build of the AMT Chevy Titan semi truck along with the current kit release.



Walt Fink: Walt brought in three builds, all finished off in airbrushed acrylics! First was the Revell 1959 Chevy.



Also a Revell 1950 Oldsmobile.



And finally a Moebius Models 1956 Chrysler 300



Rick Hannah: Rick brought in his current project, a 67 Dodge street machine/racer with lots of added details

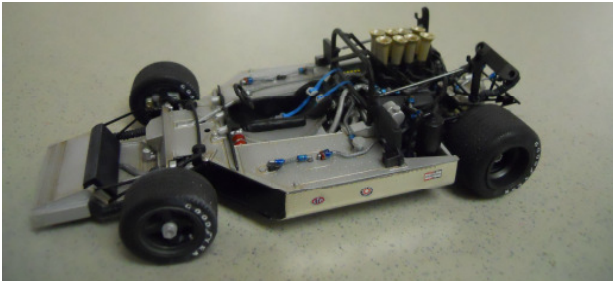


Doug Fisher: Doug had an in progress Revell 1996 Camaro Trans Am in Sunoco colors.





Also the Accurate Miniatures McLaren MK8, finally finished after many years. Doug did part one of a build article for the newsletter in 2000, he promises the conclusion soon!



Chuck Herrmann: Some older builds of NNL theme eligible cars. The Revell IMSA Mustang GTP car, a glue bomb rebuild in a phantom paint scheme (just before the aftermarket released the replica sheet!)



And a Revell 1986 Mustang IMSA GTO Ford Mustang, also in a phantom scheme. This was built in 1988.



IPMS News

GTR is a local chapter in Region 5, of IPMS/USA, which is celebrating its 50th year in 2013. Local chapters need five active national IPMS/USA members to remain an IPMS chapter. 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.

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

The details for the 2015 IPMS Region 5 Regional Convention have been announced, it will be September 12 in St Louis hosted by IPMS/Gateway chapter.



International Plastic Modelers Society

August 6-9 2014 50th Anniversary
 IPMS/USA Nationals at Hampton, VA.
 Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention
 hosted by IPMS/West Central Missouri
 Kansas City, MO
 2015 IPMS/USA Nationals in
 Columbus, OH
 September 12, 2015 IPMS Region 5
 Convention hosted by IPMS/Gateway
 St Louis, MO



NIMCON 3

The third annual Northern Illinois Model Contest (NIMCOM 3), hosted by IPMS/Lakes Region Scale Modelers, was held Saturday July 12 at McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, IL.

This was an IPMS style show, with classes for all categories of models. The judging for most classes was Chicago Style, with models being awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies. For the automotive categories, the judging was done NNL style, with the contestants voting for the best model in six categories.



GTR was at the show, we had a club display table (above), also a table in the vendor area.



This Heller Paris bus won Best Commercial.

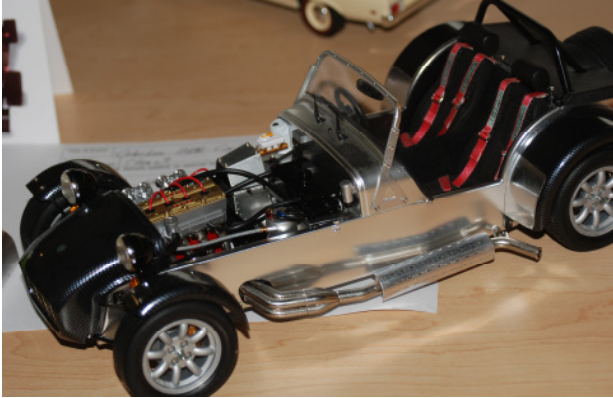


1962 T Bird



Motorcycle Class winner





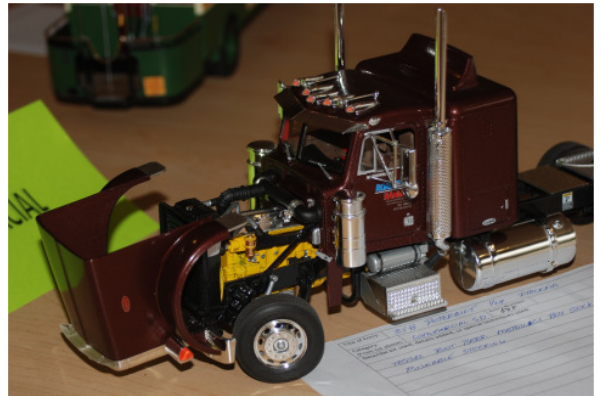
Tamiya Catherham 1/24



Hot Wheels Trans Am Camaro



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Here are some of the many non-automotive entries.





NIMCON 3 saw an increase in both entrants and entries. There were 62 entrants registering 182 models, and increase of 60 from last year. The vendor room was again pretty full. And the show was a financial success, so there will be a NIMCOM 4 in 2015, look for it a little earlier in the year.

ATTACK OF THE PLASTIC

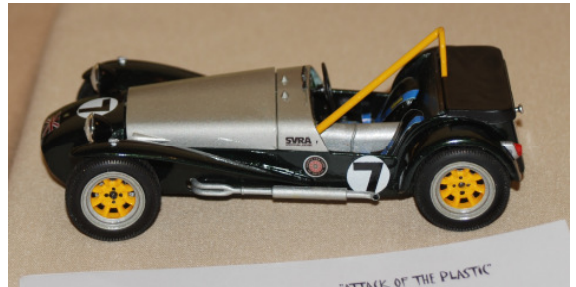
The 2014 Attack of the Plastic Model Contest and Swap was held Sunday July 13, again at the Lake Lawn Lodge in Delavan WI. As model shows go this is a great venue, a nice resort right on Lake Delevan with a huge real car show also taking place on the grounds. The only downside was the crowds and parking, they were parking off site and shuttling people in but Steve and I got there early so we got into the main parking lot. GTR had a club table in the vendor area, we also handed out a lot of newsletters and flyers for the GTR Summer NNL



There was a pretty good turnout of models on the tables in the various categories. The Rat Rod table is above.



AMC Pacer



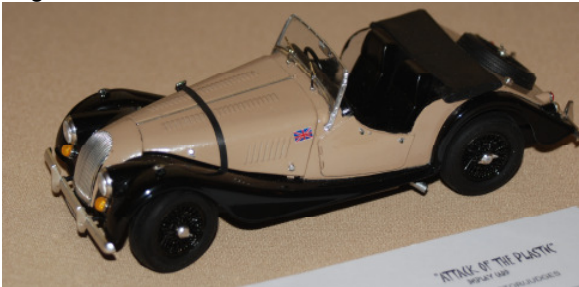
Caterham



Resin body Rambler



Jaguar in Gulf colors



Tamiya Porsche 934



Resin body 1968 Camaro phantom wagon.



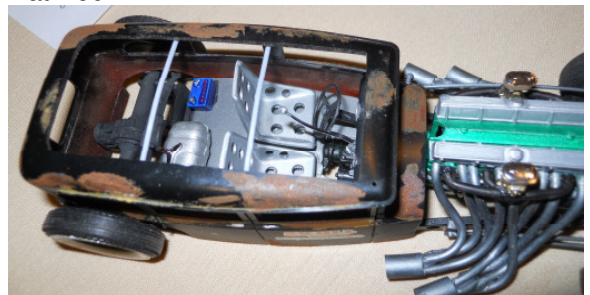
1955 Chevy NASCAR.



Rat Rod.



Quik Skins resin IMSA Ford Probe GTP



Thanks to the SLAM Club for hosting another nice event.

There were a lot of great real rides in a nice lakeside setting.



Besides the show cars there were a few vintage racers, too.



2014 GTR Summer NNL

7th Annual Contest & Swap Meet

Hosted by: IPMS/GTR

Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars

Trophies for Best Racing and Best Street Pony Cars

Attention Automotive Modelers; we have a summer show and swap meet for you! You are invited to our GTR Summer NNL contest and swap meet.

The Summer NNL will be held on Sunday August 3th 2014 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 US Highway 14, Crystal Lake, Illinois 60014

Admission to the show is a measly 5 bucks; you can enter as many models on the tables as you like (no additional charge) and we will serve a pizza lunch (again, no additional charge, soda extra; sorry had to draw a line somewhere) to all show entrants.

Did we mention that there is a swap meet too? There will be a free "trunk sale" swap meet in our spacious parking lot, vendors and show goers are encouraged to open their trunks and sell-sell-sell rain or shine. Vendor set-up starts at 8:30AM. Also we raffle off some nice prizes.

Our NNL style contest bestows "Best Of" awards as mandated by popular vote as determined by show attendees, official judging and nit-picking is strictly forbidden, praise and admiration from fellow modelers strongly encouraged.

Classes:

Competition Open Wheel	All scales	F1, Indy, Drag, etc
Competition Closed Wheel	All scales	NASCAR, LeMans/IMSA, Can-Am, Drag
Street	All scales	Street legal - Muscle Cars, Sports/Exotics, Tuners, beaters, factory stock
Custom	All scales	Modified custom vehicles
Commercial	All scales	Trucks, Taxis, Police, Ambulance and Emergency
Motorcycles/ Miscellaneous Curbside	All scales	All types
	All scales, all types	Hood closed, judged as displayed, includes slammers
Out of the Box	All scales, all types	No modifications to the kit except filler, paint, decals and foil
Theme: 50 Years Of Pony Cars	All scales, all types	US, front engine, rear drive Pony Cars. Specifically: Mustang, Camaro, Firebird, Barracuda, Challenger, Javelin, Cougar (RWD only). No Corvettes, AMX, etc. Trophies for Best Street and Racing versions.
Chris Ducey Memorial Award	All scales, all types	Best Ford Kit
Tim Leicht People's Choice Award	Any model in the contest	

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GTR Event Calendar

August 3 **GTR SUMMER NNL 7**

Theme: 50 Years of Pony Cars
Algonquin Township Building
Crystal Lake, IL
www.gtrchab@yahoo.com

Aug 6-9 IPMS/USA National Convention
Hampton VA
www.ipmsusa.org

Aug 10 TUDOR Sportscars Championship
Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI

Aug 17 Milwaukee IndyFest Indycar Series
State Fair Park, Milwaukee WI

Sep 20 6th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports and
Memories Car Show
Raceway Woods, Carpentersville IL
www.mirpa.org mirpa1958@aol.com

Sep. 28 64th Illinois Plastic Kit and Toy Show
DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton IL
Past Time Hobbies 630-969-1847

Oct 1-4 iHobby Expo
Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg IL
www.ihobbyexpo.com

Oct 11-12 Toledo Swap & NNL

Oct 18 2014 IPMS Region 5 Convention hosted
by IPMS/West Central Missouri
Kansas City, MO www.ipmswcmo.org
Justin Carlson 816-256-1310

October 25 Circle City Modelers 20th Annual
Contest and Swap Meet
511 E Thompson Rd, Indianapolis IN, 46227
Theme: Fabulous Fifties
Contest: Mike Marshall 317-847-4078 or Steve
Shelton 317-504-9664

October 25 NORDICON 2014
Northern Star Council Boy Scout Camp
Fort Snelling MN
robertmaderich69@hotmail.com

Nov 1 IPMS/ Glue Crew 2014
Howard Johnson Inn & Conference Center
Wausau WI Joseph Drew
www.thegluecrew.com

Nov 2 US Grand Prix
Circuit of the Americas, Austin TX

Nov 2 Scale Auto Hobby & Toy Show
Serb Hall, Milwaukee WI
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

Nov 8 IPMS/ Butch O'Hare Annual Contest
Lakeview Jr. High School
701 Plainfield Rd.
John Bishop 630-904-2819

Dec 7 40th Annual Winter Model Cars Swap Meet
with Model Car Contest
Waukesha County Expo Center, Waukesha WI
www.milwaukeeeminimotors.com
mkeminimotors@gmail.com

Dec 7 Tinley Park Annual Holiday Toy Show
Tinley Park High School, Tinley Park, IL
www.uniqueeventsshows.com

