

GPM Visitors

We received a short notice visit from Martin & Broni of MB Modelcars late in September (photographed below with GPM's Andre Marot). They had driven all the way from the Czech Republic to Brawn GP to negotiate the license for their forthcoming kit of the BGP01 (MBM43072) and confirm that the model will have a separate rear body section with engine detail beneath.



They also brought with them their new Martini MK23 kits and an in progress build so that we could see how it all goes together.

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Kit News

In recent months most of our 1:43rd kit news seems to have been surrounding single seaters and we'll continue in that vein briefly here. Last month SilverLine announced that they would be making the Red Bull RB5 but we have since received notification that the project has had to be delayed due to prolonged license negotiations. This will hopefully be resolved quickly. Meanwhile associate company Tameo have announced two new kits of the 2009 Ferrari F60, from Belgium (TMK385) and Italy (TMK386). They are also moving into the growing 1:64th scale market.

Meanwhile, on a more positive front, SMTS tell us that the decals for the Denny Hulme version of the Brabham BT19 are in print and are expected back at some point in October. Another single seater project that has been long awaited, the Cooper 500 F3 (RL071) is progressing nicely too with the master now completed and the decals and etch being designed.

More good news from SMTS, this time for sports car fans. Their next release, which is in the queue for casting, is the Aston Martin DBR1 (RL107). The reason for the queue is that they are working on the backlog of backordered kits and handbuilt.

If modern sportscars are more your thing, Provence Miniatures have returned refreshed from their summer break and appear to be getting on with things. Among their next batch of new kits will be dual-option kits of the 2009 works Corvettes available either kerside (PMAK0163) or fully open (PMAK0163OP). Alongside these will be several new rally kits such as Loeb's 2009 Citroen C4 WRC (PMAK0162/PMAK0162OP) and title-rival Hirvonen's Ford Focus WRC (PMAK0164/PMAK0164OP).

Many makers who previously offered kits and hand built have been concentrating on the latter in recent years, so it is great to see that Technomodel are listing some new kits of recent Ferrari F430s. Maybe not Le Mans cars at the moment (though their hand built are imminent) but two R si cars from Sebring (TEC035A - 2008 & TEC035B - 2009) and one for the Dubai 24 Hours (TEC035C).

Moving up scale, Tamiya continue to work through their back catalogue updating and re-issuing some of their classic F1 kits and have also found time for their first modern F1 kit for some years. Due for launch before the end of the year is the 2009 Ferrari F60 in 1:20th scale (TAM20059). Let's hope that they also turn their attentions back to the Moto GP machines and produce some of the 800cc machines.

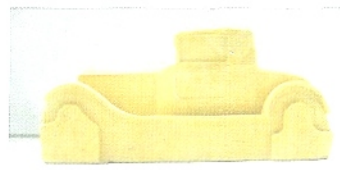
Model Factory Hiro have been concentrating on the cars of the 1960s and 1970s recently with Lotus 49s and March 701s, but their next group of announcements take us back to front engine Grand Prix machinery with kits of the Ferrari 500 (HIR234), Lancia D50 (HIR235) and Ferrari 801 (HIR236 & HIR237) all due over the next few weeks.

Diversity

No, this isn't a declaration of political correctness, but a look at the widening range from Ilario Chera's Carbone range of excellent hand built. Most of his releases have had some sort of Ferrari connection but he is moving into many other marques. In a new range he is calling 'Chromes' there will be a number of Bugattis and other classic pre-war machines, while in the Contact range we will be seeing a number of classic post-war racers. We will of course be reviewing these properly when they're released but meanwhile here are previews of a few of the masters.



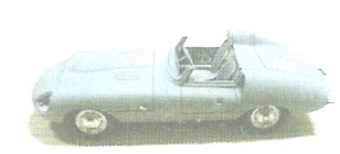
CARCH001 - Bugatti T57S Stelvio Gangloff Cabriolet



CAR4346F - Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Coupe Dansk



CARC007 - Mercedes-Benz 300SL Carrera PanAmericana 1952



CARC006CIV - Jaguar E2A 1960 Street version

Stop Press

In the last issue we told you that we were working on adjustments to our website. As always with these projects there have been one or two teething troubles but most were quick, easy fixes and all seems to be working. One new feature is the ability for collectors to mark their interest for specific product types, so if, for example, you only collect Porsches you will receive notification of any new Porsche releases as they arrive. To benefit from this service, enter your search as usual and then on the results screen, click on the 'Update' link and follow the simple instructions. You can be as precise as you wish with your information request and you can enter as many different requests as you want. The automated system will then deliver updates to your inbox as any new item matching your request appears. By the time you are reading this, the first of the 2009 Le Mans race versions should have arrived from Spark with the rest following a few per month, order early to be sure of first deliveries. Yowmodellini are pressing ahead with regular new kit releases and we have a most unusual looking Fiat special to look forward to called the Zagato Zanzara. Weird, we like weird. As we were closing for press, Seldoms Models delivered several hand built versions of the de Tomaso Mangusta. Maserati enthusiasts will be familiar with the excellent books written by Willem Oosthoek and his latest massive tome, dedicated to the legendary 'Birdcage' arrived just as we were putting the finishing touches to this issue. We haven't even had a chance to take the cellophane off our review copy yet but if previous titles are anything to go by, it will be extremely thorough. We'll have had a proper look by the next issue of FSW.

Cover Gallery

At top left on this issue we have Bizarre's resin 'die-cast' (BIZ159) of a very pretty Lola T286 from Le Mans 1976. Alongside is Model factory Hiro's 1:20th kit (HIR233) of Graham Hill's Rob Walker entered 1970 Lotus 49C. The brutal beast beneath the Lotus is a new die-cast from Minichamps (MIN437089011) of the Gumpert Apollo Hybrid which appeared in the 2008 Nurburgring 24 Hours. To the left of that is the Ferrari SP1, offered here as a hand built in BBR's Concept43 range (BBRC006).

There's another unique Ferrari next up, this time from Carbone (CAR4345W) the 1968 250 P6. The third Ferrari on our cover this issue is a preview of a new 1:18th premium die-cast model due soon from CMC, the 250SWB which finished third at Le Mans in 1961 (CMCM079).

The all open GT40 at the bottom of the page is one of the new 1:43rd kits (PFL4307) due very soon from Profil 24 and depicts the 1968 Le Mans winner. Finally we pay another visit to the Nurburgring in 2008 with Norev's die-cast (NOR840192) of one of the factory VW Sciroccos.

