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Diana Francis - Honorary Life Time President Many Thanks Everyone

Last week saw the 2018 Milton Keynes swapmeet held at the Woughton Leisure Centre. I honestly can't tell you how many years this event has been running, but last weekend seemed to be one of the best ones for a while, with an increase in numbers through the door and at pretty much maximum capacity for trader attendance, So on behalf of the Club I would like to thank all the traders who attended and of course without you there would be no event! I would also like to thank all the members who came, many of whom went home with one of the event cars, and finally to the Committee who were there fulfilling the various roles on the day.

Finally, of course a thank you to the venue, the staff have always been very helpful in assisting us set up and clear up and often go unmentioned.

Moving on then, I have now dispatched the Christmas competition prizes, so hopefully the winners have received theirs by the time they read this, if not let me know please.

There is still much talk of Scalextric and specifically Hornby doing the rounds and of course their current trading position and finances, very soon we shall all see what is really happening as I understand their trading results are due next month. Of course you probably have seen, as I write this that Toys 'r' Us look increasingly likely to go into administration and apart from the Entertainer and Toy Barnhaus leaves little now in the way of proper toy shops on the "high street," although of course most of them stopped selling Scalextric a while ago, they were handy for other toy related products and did give good choice and service, but obviously couldn't compete with the internet in terms of the rents for their premises. It does make you wonder what is the high street going to be like in ten, fifteen or twenty years time? Epsom is not too bad with a good range of shops, but will they be able to compete in the future with the internet? I will leave that thought with you to ponder and consider for now. Until next month.

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MESSAGES FROM MARGATE

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By Pete Simpson

Once again, Hornby Hobbies have announced that in the last period they have underperformed. Whilst they believe that the end of offering large quantities of stock at discount prices has been a beneficial step towards reinstating the confidence of its retailers, the subsequent reduction in sales revenue and the continuation of late product deliveries, meant that sales performance over the Christmas period was below management expectations. Maybe a reapplication of lens tinting would be beneficial in the forecasting of not being able to sell product that hasn't been manufactured. However, the current management retains a positive attitude towards recovery having reduced fixed overheads by £1.7m and forecasting a reduction in procurement efficiencies as they reorganise their supply chain to achieve mutually beneficial partnerships. If you have trouble understanding corporate statements, then just believe that the ever-decreasing share price isn't indicative of the true value of a business: it's only a reflection of the perceived market value. The current interim Chairman and CEO has stated that they intend to weather the storm and come out on the other side with stronger brands, loyal customers, a leaner cost base and a better foundation from which to build a profitable and growing business. Go on, buy some shares: share in the

excitement. Artemis Investment Management have, and they now own 12.42% of Hornby stock.

The current share price sets the market capitalisation at £26.43M. That was in mid-February when it was dropping further with every day it took me to compile my report so by the time you're reading this, it's anyone's guess. If market confidence of a manufacturing company is biased by its ability to deliver product, don't expect any surge in share prices or profitability any time soon: see below for how Hornby are claiming to meet the Scalextric expectations published in January.

Logo



This year the Scalextric logo has been quite subtly revised once again. For the past two years the grey version of the logo has been used, replacing the previous yellow text on a blue background, although of the same design. 2018 witnesses the return to these colours, last used in 2015, but with a revised font and a new treatment of the "X".





Maybe it'll take a while for the new artwork to filter through as the first 2018 release that I've seen still had last year's logo on the box and insert card. I don't yet know how the box will be revised: presumably the logo will be revised but whether the box will remain in grey has yet to be discovered.



The only other new item announced on the Scalextric website as having arrived, the ARC PRO Powerbase Upgrade Kit, C8435, also sports the old colours.

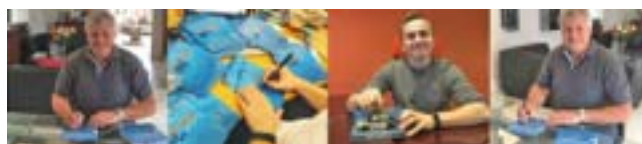


Autograph Series

A new sub-range has been introduced for this year, the first two of which are already out of stock on the Scalextric website although examples may still be held by stockists. With the end of the 60th Anniversary releases, a new



venture has begun to satisfy the needs of those desiring unique models whereby the drivers have signed the insert cards. The cars themselves remain unaffected. I've heard it suggested by some critics that it's a means to ship excess stock of retired models at premium prices. I'd rather believe that it's an imaginative method of satisfying the collector market as the two cars are still listed in this year's catalogue. The initial releases in the series were the BTCC VW Passat of Aron Taylor - Smith, C3864AE, previously released last year as C3864, and the Ford Sierra RS500 of Tim Harvey, C3867AE also originally from 2017 with a remarkably similar catalogue number.



Subsequently, a further four were announced in February: a Caterham, C3871AE; BTCC cars from BMW, C3735AE, and Honda, ⇒





C3843AE; and an Aston, C3843AE. The last is of greatest value as it has the autographs of two drivers!

All are priced at £45.99 so only six pounds more than the previous standard versions and only £5 more than this year's prices. Having carefully explained how the logo has changed for this year, this collectors' series also retains the logos from the original packaging.

Dodgy Charger

It appears that there is a slight typo in the catalogue description of the black Dodge Charger. If this is the same tooling as previously used for releases such as C3064 then it represents the 1969 version of the real car. However, in this year's catalogue it is stated as being a 1968 model. If this is intended, then the grille will need to be modified to remove the central chrome divider. The other aspect which is odd is that the registration number on images



of C3936 matches the car driven by Dominic Toretto in *The Fast and The Furious*. But that was a 1970 model which also lacks the central dividing chrome trim but has a larger radiator grille trim which includes the front bumper. Either option would be relatively easy for Scalextric to achieve but would require some tooling modification. To add further to the suspense, one of the catalogue images shows a model without the central chrome element of the grille.

2018 Expectations

Like last year, Scalextric have continued to publish boldly the anticipated delivery dates of all models in the first instalment of this year's catalogue, in either Q1 or Q2. With the first quarter now drawing to an end, all of the models below should be available within the next couple of weeks.

Towards the end of February, the only one that I'm aware that has escaped is the Team Dynamics Honda Type R, C3915, of Matt Simpson as show above so deliveries made during March should be plentiful.



The pair of Jaguar E-Types announced last year, C3898A, were certainly progressing well last time I saw them so a delivery by the end of March seemed believable. Unfortunately, delivery schedules appear to have slipped as the website now shows this set as due in April. As the pairing is limited to 2,000, pre-ordering might be advised.



Still scheduled for March is the Team LMP Gulf, C3954. It's obviously been upgraded since it originally appeared in Start sets as it now proclaims hybrid classification (HY) in the LMP1 class. At £26 it's certainly an ideal addition to that first set and a very cheap addition to a Gulf themed collection.



The next Q1 car, Ford GT MkIV, C3951, has, according to the website slipped to May. Of all the MkIV releases this is probably the closest compromise, it would certainly make an ideal base for creating a diorama depicting its condition just after 3:35 am. This chassis, J7, was one of the cars decorated to imitate the 1967 winner in the months after the race, subsequent to the chassis having been patched-up with plywood and fibreglass. After many years it was restored to competition condition and again raced.

June 2018; not March but all the way to the



end of the scope of the first catalogue. That's when this Mercedes-AMG GT3, C3942, is now due to be on the toy shop shelves. Not so good for those wishing to re-enact the 2017 British GT Series. The images I've seen have all been computer generated but, as these are usually accurate renderings of the final release, this should look good with its metallic green main body colour.



Not quite as delayed as the Mercedes, this previously proclaimed Q1 release has only slipped to May. This AMC Javelin-AMX, C3921, is one of the few that are not in a variation of the red-white-blue stripes. Did someone forget to order the yellow paint? In the catalogue, Scalextric have swapped the AMX and Javelin titles but it's important that the "AMX" follows "Javelin" as the AMC AMX was discontinued in 1970 with the AMX designation then being used for the high-performance version of the Javelin.

My own favourite from the "Q1" releases has to be C3899, BMW M3 E30 in Jägermeister livery. It's a lot cheaper collecting these than Gulf cars, although I have made life a little bit harder by adopting the scheme for all my race cars. AND...it's still due in-line with catalogue⇒



predictions so I should have it by now. Next month I'll reveal if the stance is really as nose-high as the images make it appear and if so, how to lower the front ride height.

The Next Generation Touring Car descriptor, signified by the NGTC initialism appended to the model name for all the current touring cars, refers to the regulations which aim to equalise and standardise performance and attempt to prevent escalating costs. The first

VW Passat CC NGTC, C3918, has also slipped, although only into April. I'll ignore Scalextric's "Passat" reference as plenty of people still refer to it as such.

YES, we have a third model which is still due in March! The latest Honda Civic Type R, C3919, represents the car of Gordon Shedden in which he finished 4th in the 2017 BTCC with one more point that the score with which he won the series in 2016.





Audi R8 Police Car, C3932, is also still forecast for delivery in accordance with the original plan. A slightly odd livery which appears to be fantasy: the New Jersey Hasbrouk Heights police department don't have any Audi R8s. Licensing may be an issue as obtaining permission might be difficult.

Another that we can expect before the end of this month is the BTCC BMW 1 Series 125i NGTC of Andy Jordan. The catalogue entry for C3914 describes the colour as being chrome. If Scalextric live up to expectations this should be a spectacular model.

With such a large number of the releases due in the first part of the year having slipped, potentially affecting Hornby's attempt to claw its way back to profitability, I reasoned that there might be a few other models that had been brought forward to plug the gap in sales revenue. My search was successful too: the second batch of "Autograph" models are due in March, if not slightly before end of February. There is no quoted quantity for these but going by the pile of cards being signed by the drivers there are probably over 50 of each. However, I could find no catalogue models that had been brought forward but plenty of evidence that Q2 may also disappoint: five of the cars due still planned to →





be with us between April and June but a further seven now have delays spanning July to September. Let's hope that the current management team find a way to improve on the rather pessimistic portrayal of sales presented on the website.

Corgi

We may consider that a collection of Scalextric cars take up a lot of space as well representing a reasonable financial commitment. But next



time you struggle to hide the latest purchase, either physically or financially from your other half, sympathise with those that accumulate the products from Corgi. This limited edition Short Sunderland has a wingspan of 478mm and requires an investment of £160. It is, thankfully, a stunning model with many small, accurate details.

Rather more akin to our interests is the Captain Scarlet Spectrum Saloon Car. Amazingly this is a newly tooled model from Corgi, the version previously available was from Dinky. Last year celebrated 50 years of Captain Scarlet so it was a timely release. Anyhow, at 120mm long it is a lot more manageable but at £22.49 it makes Scalextric slotcars appear pretty decent value.

Next month I hope to be able to report on a meeting with Scalextric at their offices now that the trade shows are out of the way and staff are available hopefully to talk to me.

Maybe I'll even have some photos of new cars that are due out this coming year to share with you? ■



Welcome to the March Carrera Corner. There was no news last month but there are certainly some new and exciting models on the way from Carrera this year. Here are the new models, in 1/32 scale, announced at Nuremberg:

CA27565 Red Bull Racing TAG Heuer RB13 "Daniel Ricciardo, Number 3."

CA27566* Porsche 911 GT3 RSR Lechner Racing "Carrera Race Taxi."



CA27573 Mercedes-AMG C 63 DTM "Paul di Resta, Number 3."

CA27574 Mercedes-Benz F1 W08 "Lewis Hamilton, number 44."

CA27575 Ferrari SF70H "Sebastian Vettel, Number 5."

CA27576 BMW M6 GT3 "Team Falken, Number 3."

CA27577 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R "Number 69."

CA27578 Mercedes-AMG GT3 "AKKA ASP, Number 87." ➡

CA27567* BMW M1 Procar "BASF Number 80" 1980.

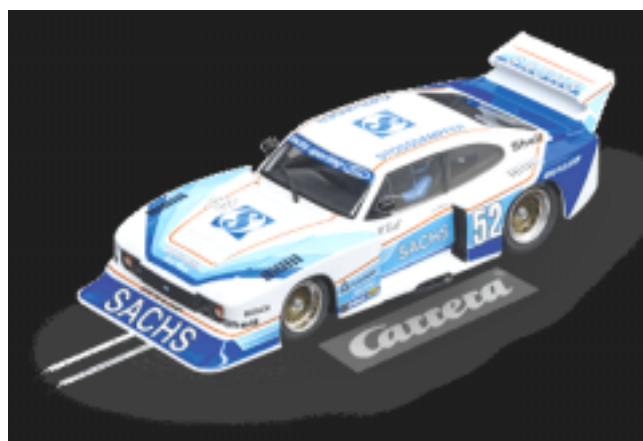
CA27568* Ford Capri Zakspeed Turbo "Sachs Sporting, Number 52."

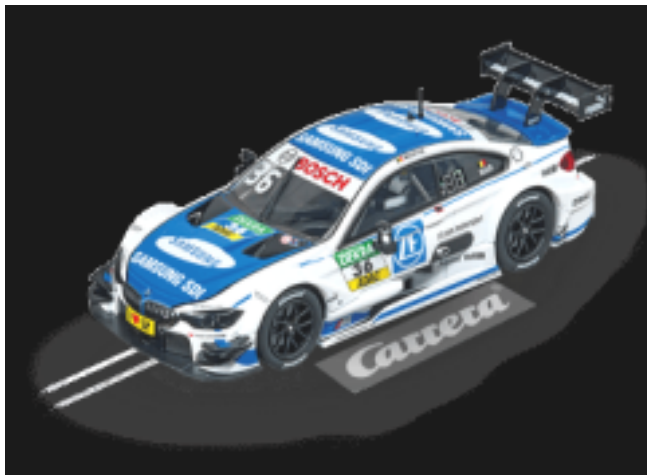
CA27569 Porsche 917K "Salzburg Number 23", 1970.

CA27570 Ferrari 365 P2 Maranello Concessionaires Ltd. "Number 17."

CA27571* BMW M4 DTM "Maxime Martin, Number 36."

CA27572 Audi RS 5 DTM "Mike Rockenfeller, Number 99."





CA27579 Ferrari 488 GT3 “Rinaldi Racing, Number 333.”

CA27580* Chevrolet Chevelle SS 454 “Super Stocker II.”

CA27581* Chevrolet Dekon Monza “Number 1.”

CA27582 Audi R8 LMS “Twin Busch, Number 44.”

CA27584 Ford GT Race Car “Number 67.”

CA27585 Fabulous Lightning McQueen.

CA27586 Audi RS 5 DTM “Mattias Ekström, Number 5.”

CA27589 Lamborghini Huracán GT3 “Imperiale Racing Team, Number 63.”

CA27590 Pontiac Firebird Trans AM.

We have pictures of those six models marked * which will be released in the near future. Details of these models are set out below.

The Porsche 911 GT3 RSR Lechner Racing “Carrera Race Taxi” provides a most exciting taxi ride! The cooperation with “Lechner Racing” has enabled Carrera to give motorsports fans a unique opportunity to take their passion out onto a real racetrack. The



“Lechner Racing” Race Taxi gives participants a chance to speed around the famous Salzburgring next to a pro driver. The dream of experiencing the real sensation of motor racing excitement will become a reality for several fans. As a memento for those who do get the chance to enjoy their own taxi ride, and for the fans that can’t make it to the Salzburgring, Carrera has produced the Race Taxi model in the classic Carrera colours of red, white and black.



In 1980, one year after the spectacular launch of the Procar series, GS Tuning landed a lucrative sponsorship deal with the chemical giant BASF, who gave the BMW M1 a distinctive look with white spirals on a red background. The German racing legend Hans-Joachim Stuck was always in contention in the BMW M1 BASF.

The Ford Capri Zakspeed Turbo “Sachs Sporting, number 52” is finished in blue and white. The Ford Capri Zakspeed Turbo was an all-round success. Particularly in the 1970s and ‘80s it was seen on racetracks the world over.





This model depicts the Capri that competed for the “Sachs Sporting” team at the Norisring in 1979. Harald Ertl, the driver, performed outstandingly and was right up at the front of the field.

The blue and white BMW M4 DTM replicates the car as driven by Maxime Martin to a top 10 position overall in the 2017 DTM season.

The Chevrolet Chevelle 454 SS is a super sportscar from the 1960s and ‘70s. SS stands for ‘Super Sport’ and was assigned to all of the model variations with additional sports trims



and equipment. Powered by a 450hp V8 engine, in the 70s the Chevrolet Chevelle 454 SS was the most successful racer at Nascar competitions.

Due to the dominance of German drivers and manufacturers in International motor racing in the 1970s Chevrolet decided to produce a racing car that would boost the influence of the Americans over the world of motor sport once again. The new car was based on the serial production version of the Chevrolet Monza and was produced by DeKon Engineering. ‘Stars and Stripes’ decals were much in evidence due to the USA’s bicentennial celebrations in 1976.

All the above models are equipped with headlights, rear and brake lights.

The Hobby Company are the official UK distributors for Carrera slot racing sets, cars and accessories. “Carrera UK Slot Racing” Facebook pages provides information on all UK releases including Go!!! Evolution, and Digital 143, 132 and 124 as well as news concerning Carrera. For further information or to find your nearest retailer go to: www.hobbyco.net or go to: www.carrera-toys.com.

I hope to have more news from Carrera next month. ■

Ciao everyone and welcome to this month's edition of Forza Slot.it. Well if last month was extremely barren for any news then this month this month I have an up to date edition of the Nuremburg Toy Fair Slot.it/Policar 2018 news courtesy of Terry at Gaugemaster. Best I get on with it I suppose!



Terry has sent me several pictures to go along with his brief report. From the supplied picture, the Slot.it stand did not seem any larger than we see at the UK Slot Festival so Maurizio is certainly not wasting his money in that direction! He also looks heavily in discussion with a couple of gents with a model display case behind and a little track oval and new track pieces available for people to look at which all bodes well. Therefore, I think I will quote Terry's report first and then see about dissecting the content and any other snippets I may have picked up from other sources about what was hot at the fair around Slot.it and Policar. *"Big surprise on the slot.it stand was a track system. This system will be marketed under the companies Policar brand, and will be offered as complete sets with cars, add on track packs and individual pieces and accessories. The*



track will have some great features such as plug in side extensions and elevation piers, and a high grip surface. The track should be on sale by the end of the year and will include radius 1, 2 and 3 curves from the off with radius 4 and 5 coming next year. They also plan to introduce digital lane change sections that will be compatible with the Slot.it Oxygen system hopefully by the end of next year.

The cars in the first sets will be the Toyota GT86 and Subaru BRZ so you get two different branded cars out of one tool. The cars are fitted with Slot.it tyres and on the grippy track surface handled well even without magnets.

Regarding the individual cars that Policar plan to have out in 2018 and news is that there was a working prototype of the Ferrari P4. The prototype felt good and seemed well at home on the new track surface. They

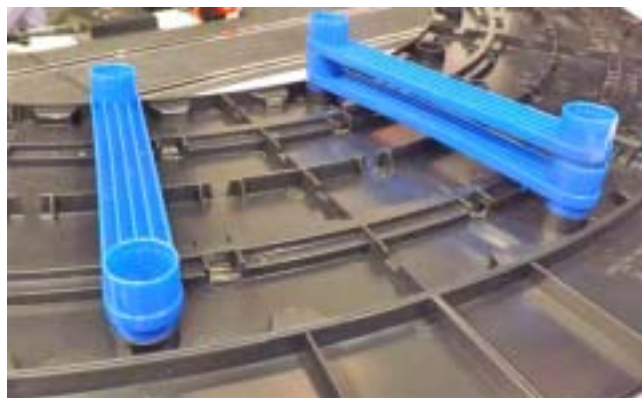
are expecting the first of the P4s to appear sometime before the end of this year. We can also expect the Ferrari 312 B2 F1 car and progress is being made to still hopefully bring this out in 2018.

And finally from Policar, on the stand was a working model of a modern open wheeler! This looks like a current F1 car, but this was just a design study and it could well end up being a different class of open wheeler.

From Slot.it themselves there was the 3D printed version of the DTM Mercedes 190E that was announced recently, and a new Maserati GT3 car which is a new area for Slot.it and plenty of reliveries due throughout the year.”



OK, so what does all that mean? I think I will start where I left off last month which is the news about this new track system. Last month Terry mentioned this under the Slot.it brand but it would now appear that the track system will be produced under the Policar brand name. Is this a good thing? Maybe, perhaps Slot.it are a better known brand in our world/UK but Policar are known to make quality products as well (and under the wing of Slot.it) so does this really matter? Probably not, but time will tell. Look closely at the pictures and you will see it



looks very similar to the currently still available Ninco track, especially with a plastic slot insert that you can see between the rails in the slot. I do not know what the exact track dimensions or geometry are but, certainly for me as my home track is Ninco, I hope that the geometry is the same and that adaptor track pieces are available, preferably for all makes. Why? Well many/all of us will have invested in purchasing one or more of the current different manufactures track and so I (for one) would not be purchasing another different type track that did not fit in with what I have currently. Already done that a couple of times already!



This track is designed to run with analogue and digital cars. Initially the track will just be analogue with digital options to follow later this year or in 2019. How many of us have digital tracks today? I know I have tried Scalextric, SCX (totally different incompatible track sections with anything else) Carrera and Slotfire tracks but I have still not taken the plunge. Why? Certainly the Slotfire track I tried many moons ago with lane changers and modular sections was absolutely fantastic, and I quote from their website:” *The 300 Slotfire is the track for the ambitious*

home user who is looking for something special.” Do you know what “ambitious” means in this context? No, then go check out the price list or ask for a quote! I did when I tried it and the cost was certainly for the ambitious home user with astronomical funds at their disposal! Was it worth the money? Probably, but not for me as you also need plenty of space for the fixed track sections so in my opinion it is mostly aimed at clubs. I did try out another digital track a very long time ago (I do not remember the name but it can/ could be supplied in a full scenic form RTR) and that was even better where you could supply your own design or they would do it for you based on the space you had available. However, the cost was something to make even NASA wince! And that was without a full scenic track!

Anyway, getting back to the new Policar track. It is a rigid system and very grippy (just like Ninco then!) but what I particularly like is the ability to plug in the extension borders that certainly look like they will be held firmly in place when fitted which is what you get with current makes. However, if you are a rug racer track up/down/up/down, then it is quite easy to eventually break off the locating tabs and so make the pieces virtually useless. Look again and you will also see a lip at the outer edge of the border that is different to current designs as well. This is for the Armco type barriers that are three sections high and clip over the top and bottom edge of the border. However, I don't see how they would clip over the standard track sections as they do not have a lip on them that I can see! Two different types of border sections that do not mix together or no borders for the standard track pieces, means I don't know? Again, I would not like to have to buy two different types of borders either way so maybe some more thought required there? They look sturdy enough but, again, back to the rug racer and how will they stand up to repeated track builds? Lost count of how many of mine have snapped off for several makes.

Now look at the track connections. Push to fit like the “new” design Scalextric track. I would have to say that personally I am not a fan of the new Scalextric

track as I don't think it has enough grip. It is, to be fair, easier to plumb together but to take apart it is really just as big a pain as the “old” track. If anything maybe more awkward and, on balance, I probably prefer the break a finger nail and get really sore fingers taking the old track apart. Again, a personal thing. The Policar track click type fit connection certainly looks sturdy enough from the pictures but until you actually get “ya mitts” on the stuff to feel the quality and durability as well as build and take apart (several times) then I guess the jury will be out. The elevated track section options, in vibrant blue, that just push fits/pulls in/out of the circular cut outs looks like a good option but I hope that they change the colour to black or maybe dark grey that would be more appropriate!

What about track pieces? At least three corner radii 1, 2 and 3 to play with to start off and radii 4 and 5 to follow. So one extra outer radius curve than anybody else does which does expand on track layout options which is good. What other “special” track pieces will there be? Well, there will have to be crossovers for digital play but will they be straight, curved or will both options be available? No idea at the moment and they will not be along till the end of the year at the earliest. Any other special track pieces like a super sliding chicane curve, off road track or a Goodwood chicane for example? Don't know but I would hope so as this definitely adds play interest to any layout but perhaps not so good for keeping your cars in one piece! But isn't that part of the fun? Just don't use your prize cars for that!

There will be racing sets available towards the end of the year (according to plan) that have all the bits you need such as track, cars, hand⇒





throttles and a variable voltage PSU for those young trigger fingers to get used to our hobby first and not go spearing off under the settee. Staying with the sets for a moment and Policar will be producing a couple of new cars in the form of the Toyota GT86 (see picture) and Subaru BRZ which is a very good choice really. If you read real world car magazine reviews of these cars, which without going into any technical detail are essentially exactly the same beast, then Policar can use the same moulding, pop a different manufacturer badge front and rear and hey presto several different liveries later you probably have a nice little one moulding earner, just like the real world! I understand that these cars will have simpler (read cheaper) drive train components and are a hoot with the magnets out, so just like the real car then on the new track system. This is a new direction that Policar are taking from the current hugely successful historical F1 cars (and the reissue old Fly Ferrari F40 and 312PB models) that should be welcomed. Hopefully the detail and quality will still be very good and if the picture of the new Toyota is anything to go by then things look promising. However, I don't think the livery



shown is one I would invest in. White kits as well maybe? It would certainly offer more alternatives. No news on any other types of these cars but I would expect one or two more perhaps?

My conclusions on this new (digital) track and race set direction then? Well, I would not start from scratch again, for reasons I mentioned earlier, as I am more than happy with Ninco track and I have quite a lot of it still unused! Digital, still not for me partly due to the cost of the chips or ready fitted chipped cars and even though I like having a dabble with digital race tracks occasional at the Slot Festival etc. it is still not for me I would say. However, if the track is compatible with Ninco and there are additional "special" track pieces available then I would probably look more closely at it. Starting from scratch/new to our hobby or after your first race set then it may well be the way to go? Time and track in hand to test out will tell.

What about the cars then I hear you say? I have already mentioned several cars in the pipeline in previous ramblings so not much to add at the moment really. The Slot.it DTM Mercedes 190E is definitely on the cards as there was a 3D printed version on the stand but then we already knew about this too. Still it is good to hear it will be produced but a bit disappointing not to get some idea of the liveries that might be coming. Hopefully the wait will not be too long, but probably towards the end of the year.

Terry also spotted a new Maserati GT3 which is going to be quite a large model if the real car is anything to go by. This is a new area for Slot.it to move into but with the current offerings from Racer Sideways (Lambo Huracan,





just bought the long awaited green one and it is very good), NSR (BMW Z4, Audi, Corvette) and Scalextric (Bentley, McLaren, Mercedes, Aston Martin) in the GT3 market then Slot.it will have plenty of valid competition for your money. Hopefully Slot.it will produce the models the other manufacturers have avoided so far!



Back to Policar and they are going to produce a Ferrari P4 or is it a P3? I think someone more knowledgeable than me will have to settle that one from the snap supplied. Surprisingly, even though it is a Ferrari, this particular car is not really a favourite of mine but I suspect that Policar will shift a lot of these no matter what I think! Much more of interest to me is the gorgeous Ferrari 312 B2 F1 which will fit in nicely with the current crop of Policar



circa 1970's Lotus 72s and March 701s that are fantastic to look at and a great on track. I really am looking forward to this one.

Last but not least is another car from Policar in the form of a new generic current F1 (circa 2014/15 or later) model. Again, from the 3D printed model pictures, Policar have already got the major parts of the chassis, Slot.it running gear and body sorted so it is just a matter of time and fine tuning to be able to produce a runner for us all to purchase. There are certainly some interesting detail parts on it with the multi element front wing design and high nose that have been around for a few years, limited aero barge boards and "bits" around the cockpit area which is more in keeping with the last couple or three years and a rear wing in orange (McLaren maybe?) that looks like the ones run in the 2017 season so certainly in keeping with current →



real F1 trends. I believe that because this is a generic F1 design that it will probably be produced in white only and it will be up to us as individuals to do the rest. Now I have started to dabble more in kits just lately and have even purchased several generic Scalextric and Ninco white F1 cars with a view to creating my own F1 liveried cars that are not produced already. So this is certainly very interesting to me, perhaps less so to others with all the work involved in painting, sourcing or making decals, etc.? It would be nice if Policar produced a range or suitable liveries of the cars that have not been mass produced that would be ideal for this future model. Will they? No idea again but maybe if they read this they will, if they have not thought of it already?

And just as I thought I had wrapped up for this month a little gem of information comes in direct from Slot.it. The latest Slot.it incarnation of the Le Mans Audi R18 Ultra ref. SICA28a that with an official release date of 16th February 2018 should be in the retailers or in your hand by the time you read this. The real car was a further development of the R18TDI (SICA24) and was designed in 2012 for that years Le Mans and World Endurance Championship. Basically it was the same car as the R18 e-tron but without the hybrid drive train. Was it any better than the previous R18 e-tron? Well again in the real world Le Mans

race of 2012, Audi entered two of each type of car and it would appear not as the two Audi e-trons romped home in first and second spot whilst the featured #4 Ultra “only” managed 3rd place 2 and 3 laps down on the other two cars. So much for progress I guess! However, in our model world Slot.it have made several detail changes in line with the real car so that is why it has the “a” designation as a new class of model. In summary, this model has the same chassis and cockpit as the SICA24 and SICA29 (Audi R18 e-tron Quattro) but with a 2WD system and the short tail and rear wing found on the SICA24 version cars. Can’t picture it? Me neither as all these Audi’s look the same to me unless I plonk them together and play spot the difference! Might have something to do with me not been keen on these Le Mans Audi’s eh! Anyway, being as it is a new designated car then I will do my best to source one in the near future and let you know what I find.

Well, plenty to ponder on from Slot.it and Policar for this year (and next) but until the new stuff starts to hit the streets then the final verdict will have to wait! That’s all for this month but probably enough to be going on with. My continued thanks to Terry at Gaugemaster for his excellent support of the NSCC and to Slot.it/Policar for any additional news. Ciao and arrivederci till next month. ■





As I write this chat we have just arrived back from the Milton Keynes Swapmeet and what a super event it was. There was an excellent turn out by both Club members and members of the public. The numbers through the door were a definite increase on last year and a greater number of tables were booked this year which meant that Jeremy had to hire extra for the event. Also, thankfully despite the cold outside it was quite warm in the hall due to the heaters.

Those of you who attended this year will have met my wife Barbara (Mrs. Chair) who was in charge of the front desk together with Nigel Roberts our Promotions Officer. She is the lady who out races me every year at Ramsgate. It was the first time she has covered the door but she soon got the hang of it. I hope that you all got chance to say hello.

There was a terrific range of items for sale this year which included some very rare items originally from Adrian Norman's collection



which were being sold by Mark and Julie Scale. Adrian who had his own table at the Swapmeet had decided that the time had come to pass on his large and extensive collection. Which got me thinking about my own collection. How many of us have a plan of where we are going with all the things that we collect or even know how much we currently have? Well, in my case there was plenty of time for reflection on that one on the way home.

The AMC Javelin NSCC event car completely sold out within the first hour such was the demand which left one or two people who arrived later in the day somewhat disappointed. It was no surprise that the car sold out so quickly as it looked stunning and will now be highly collectable.

Whilst I am on the subject of the event car I need to mention that once again some members who were unable to attend the event had asked other members to try and collect the NSCC event car for them at Milton Keynes. As we all know the event cars are only available to members who actually attend the event. So, don't be disappointed and remember that if you want the event car at the Club's Swapmeets you will have to turn up in person in order to be eligible to buy one.

Whilst at Milton Keynes I once again managed to exceed my budget and I picked up a very nice little item from Robert Learmouth. I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed the articles written by Robert in the Journal recently about his interviews with former employees from Minimodels and Triang who worked at the Havant factories during the golden age of the 1960s. The articles and the interviews have made for fascinating reading. ➡➡



Whilst talking with Robert I picked up a copy of a book from him called 'Minimodels Memories 1954-1970' which has been produced by the heritage lottery funded project at the Spring Arts and Heritage Centre Havant. The book is a very good read and provides a fantastic insight into the working of the factories and the production of Scalextric in 1960's. Inside the book are interviews with former members of staff and key people involved in the design and production of our favourite toy cars. There is even a piece by Penny Hopkins who was crowned Miss Minimodels 1965. Something that you wouldn't see these days for sure.

I thoroughly recommend the book to anybody who is interested in the history of Scalextric and at £5 the book is a bargain. Contact Robert if you would like a copy but be quick as I understand they are going fast.



Finally, on behalf of the Club can I thank Jeremy and my fellow Committee members for their hard work at Milton Keynes and all of you who came along to enjoy the day.

UK Slot Car Festival

Moving on another reminder that the UK Slot Car festival will soon be upon us. Several people have contacted me offering to help the Club over the weekend and have been put on the list. If you are interested in helping, please contact me as soon as you can. Likewise, people have been booking tables for the Leeds Swapmeet on Sunday October 7th this year. Once again contact me if you want a table. That's all for now until next time. ■

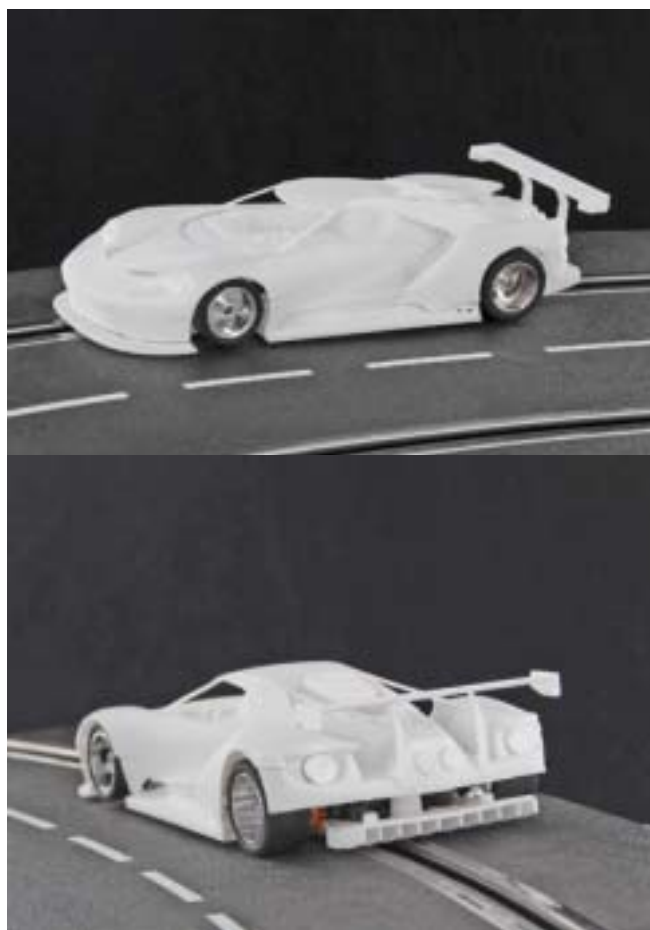




Welcome back to another edition of Taking It Sideways. I don't have any news of the projected releases for 2018, I'm not sure that Sideways quite operate like that, but the Ford GT is progressing rapidly as can be seen from the photographs here. The chassis and motor mount are of the same design as the Huracan. The car looks as if it will be sold with the baby Raptor 17,000 rpm motor. That is not powerful enough for the larger club tracks unless everyone is content to race at a gentler pace. Not a bad idea in my view; it does lead to closer racing. Hopefully this car will be available soon. It will be interesting to see if it is issued with the factory team livery.



The second Lamborghini Huracan has been released in Gulf livery complete with a free cloth badge, reference SWCAR01C. These ➡





models are not cheap at just over £65. I couldn't find any real race car in this livery on the



internet but it is featured in gaming programmes. There is also a Gulf sponsored McLaren MP4-12C in the Blancpain series.

Another Group 5 Capri has been released, the number 3 Klaus Niedzwiedz car from 1982, reference SW56. I don't have a photo of the Sideways car and so I have a picture of the Minichamps model instead. I will try to get a photo of the car for the next Journal all being well. ■

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

BY MARTIN HEAPS



Hello all and I Hope you all had a good month and enjoyed the Milton Keynes swapmeet.

The lucky people that got an event car have something special and a very good reason to be part of the NSCC!

The car is a real classic example and one that will be highly collectable in the future, well actually it is now! Well done!



The first item this month is a Toyota Celica I came across.

It's a total one off and even though its quite crudely made the car its self is very interesting how its been put together.

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Next up is this Aston Martin DB5 Bond Car.

I came across these examples of the DB5 Bond car all at different stages, some totally stunning cars starting above with the very first working of the car.



Then probably came this white plastic example with a smooth black base. It's a fully working example.

Then there is this super example colour in dark Grey. Note the green screen, very unusual!



There was also this quite an unusual light grey plastic example.

Both these red cars are interesting, note the light red car having the working rear shield.



All these cars show the extent that Hornby go to when considering colours and models, I just love this car it's so iconic.

From a collecting point of view this month I thought I'd mention the very early Team Slot cars.

Some of these cars are now becoming very collectable and if you can find nice used or even unused examples they might be worth considering adding these to your collection.



It seems numbers on eBay are getting higher and it might be worth looking out at the swapmeets for some of these models.

Totally different to some other makes out there, mainly due to the early examples being hand painted. But its not all about a perfect finish its about collecting! I Found this example of a Team Slot Sierra Cosworth.



Looking forward to next month as I have some interesting cars to show you and also news from Pioneer of some very interesting cars to look forward to this year. ■

BITS & PIECES

BY GRAHAM PRITCHARD



After last month's bumper edition of the Journal I bet nobody has got anything to write about now! I know that I haven't got much, so let's start off my bit with a review of the Milton Keynes event and see how the rest goes in a few minutes.

2018 Milton Keynes NSCC Swapmeet

I was going to call this report "CSI Milton Keynes" but not because of any foul play that had taken place, but because almost everybody I talked to was extremely "camera shy in Milton Keynes" today, hence the lack of photos of people generally in this little write up, but given the various comments I received of how much my NSCC stuff seems to be liked by everyone then it's going to be a bit difficult to do them if I don't have any pictures, isn't it?

Never mind, I guess I'll just have to show you some pictures of the slotcar stuff that was there then instead, so is this some sort of

conspiracy that I am not party to I wonder Jeremy, in an attempt to make me stick to slotcars then?

OK, unfortunately I wasn't able to get to this event last year, but from the outside it seems that the place has had a bit of a facelift, and that little bar area right by the swapmeet entrance has also been revamped into a little cafe type thing that sold the world's longest sausage rolls amongst other items, if the ones that former NSCC Committee Member/ Treasurer/ Secretary Bob Bott had are anything to go by, they must have been about 18 inches long, honest!

But I bet that they weren't as nice as the ones that I took along for Colin Spark, Paul and Carin Blows though in return for allowing me to place a few goodies on their tables and a bit later on I even managed to catch Mrs. Blows (See Carin, I've changed your name slightly there to preserve your anonymity) tucking into them somewhat enthusiastically, but they are rather nice, trust me and it was also great to see her hubby Paul back to his usual self and "firing on all cylinders" as it were now.



Many people seem to think that the Milton Keynes event is one of the best, and I'd go along with that as to me it seems to attract a lot of "older collectible stuff" that you don't always see at some of the other events, so for this report, as I was struggling to get photos of the people I decided to go around and look for the more interesting and rarely seen "collectible items" instead, so here goes then with a few pictures of what was there then as well as a few pictures of the people who didn't try to run away when the camera was pointing at them!



Talking of Mr. Simpson, here he is with Adrian Norman and his wife Anita.

Whilst almost trying "too hard" for the camera are John Carmichael and Telford Stuart of Typhoon Slots and Models.



So, let's start with Tony Stacey who always has a great selection of HO stuff on his table.

And if you look very closely in the back ground to the right then you'll see Paul Blows doing an "Eric Morecambe" as he's got his glasses on top of his hat rather than on his head!

Also willing to have their photo taken were Karen Emerson (i.e. "Mrs." Peter Simpson of Messages From Margate Fame) and Jill who is "Mrs." Gary Cannell (of MRE fame).



OK, what about some rare slot stuff then? Right, believe it or not, but this IS actually a slotcar, and was up for sale via John Carmichael.

According to the www it was launched⇒⇒





(sorry, no pun intended) in November 2007 and was made by Reprospace and I can remember it being shown in GSR Magazine which was around at the time and was written in both Spanish and English on the same page if I remember correctly, but at least all of the pictures were in English, as far as I know.



Scale Models had a large selection of hand decorated Scalextric prototypes from the old days when Hornby decided to do some Limited Edition Premier League Football Club inspired



cars on their table together with some other oddities/ rarities like these rather “Lego like” trucks that predate the current “Quickbuild” stuff by “only” around 35 years or so.

And as Julie Scale was telling me, if you have the latest issue of Adrian Norman’s excellent Collectors Guide Book then you can read all about them in there.

On a perhaps more “sensible” collecting theme, Mark and Julie also had these transparent versions of the Camel Lotus and the later type Motorcycle and Sidecar outfit which are surely very rare slotcars indeed I would think?



Moving on, I also saw these rather nice “Minic Motorways” sets for sale and you can tell that they are from the old days as the cars are actually moving and there are no roadworks!

Magnetic Racing were also there, and as well as all of their “rather good” laser cut MDF buildings they also had their prototype “racing chassis” on display also.





I also spotted a 1/43 STS 4x4 racing set which was originally made by EXIN Lines over in Spain and which later went on to evolve into the 1/32 SCX TT cars with the drop arms and the rather knobbly track that featured an Oasis and a river bed crossing type two track bridge, together with this vintage JOUEF set as well.



The same seller also had this great selection of '60s stuff including the "ROAR" sound effects record that you could play along on your record player whilst you were racing.



Dutch trader "JP" and his family were also there once again, and amongst the many items for sale on their tables I spotted this one which is from the very early '70s I think. But it really ought to be called "You Veer" rather than "You Steer" as when I tried one many years ago you just lurch wildly from one side of the track to the other I found!

Oooppsssss, nearly forgot, Mark and Julie Scale also had some very nice tinsplate "Scalextric" as well like this Jaguar and Austin Healey, but then "they" (and that's ICI etc. rather than Mark and Julie, obviously) invented plastic, and our hobby went from strength to strength.



Now, although many of my pictures may seem to make the event look a bit empty, you do need to appreciate that as I was too busy chasing people for photos and generally chatting to everyone then I actually took most of them towards the end of the event, and it had ➡➡





therefore thinned out quite a bit by then, but having had a very quick chat with Jeremy on the way out at the end he did say that it had been a very successful event indeed with almost 300 people attending and with only one vehicle getting stuck on the infamous “grassy bit” so all in all I’d agree, a very success event on all counts then, so well done to Mr. Naylor and the rest of the NSCC Committee for all of their hard work in making the event happen today, and just to prove that there were a lot of people in there at the start, then here are a few pictures of the event in full swing as taken from John Carmichael’s table at about 11.00am, as I never get there early, remember.



Stop Press - CSI Milton Keynes - Rogues Gallery

Just to get my own back then, here are a few well known faces that were at Milton Keynes today, but it was touch and go even with these people whether my camera could take the picture before they legged it. Some say that my camera

is so old that it has valves, but all I know is that it eventually gets there, but without it I’d be totally stuffed for doing all of this stuff for the NSCC and Slot Car Magazine, so let’s hope those valves have a very long life then, eh?



If you thought that we got there late then “Slot Track Scenics” Dave Jessett beat us by a country mile as he arrived around five minutes before the event closed!

But he did have to be at work beforehand though, and MK was on the way to his relatives house also, so why not pop in for a quick chat then with Adrian Norman amongst others thought David then.



NSCC Door Staff, “Mrs. Chair” Barbara Baines (Wasn’t she in SPACE 1999?) and NSCC Promotions Officer Nigel Roberts but “Don’t worry, even if your name’s not on the Membership List we’ll still let you in” said Nigel.

The ever dependable Robert Campling, he’s



always happy to have his photo taken he said and then he looked the other way! (Or maybe I was too slow?).



“Gary Woz Ere” is what Gary Cannell of MRE fame is about to write on this person’s head just hope I don’t drop the car though as it’s not for me it’s for a friend, and very nice too it is as it is the very scarce Teamslot RS2000 Police



Car that Gary very kindly brought to the event for me to collect for my mate Phil McCarthy and here’s a close up of the car on its own and is just right as Phil collects 1/32 Police cars you see.

And here’s London’s very own Steve Carter with RS Slot Racing’s Colin Spark ducking out of the photo quite literally!



Whereas the “Northern 007” and his mate “Q” are represented here by Damian Emery and Phillip Salisbury of “Scale Models” fame and having recently found out about Damian’s amazing home track, then stand by for some great photos of it soon if I get my way.



But in the meantime here’s Steve Cannon (on the right) minus hat, coat and scarf as it was actually a bit too warm at times in this swapmeet to be honest!

“It wasn’t me gov” says Bill Charters as he quietly wills me to go away but I didn’t, and in⇒⇒



case you didn't know, Bill is one of the main people behind a lot of the Wolverhampton Slot Car Club events in the past and one or two in the present also. He also tried to sell me this Carrera "Formula E" car which as he also quite correctly pointed out is the perfect rendition of the real thing as it is "all electric."

Now, it's time for the George Turner News "Live from Milton Keynes."

So, having caught up with George at Milton Keynes, then here's a few words about what he's



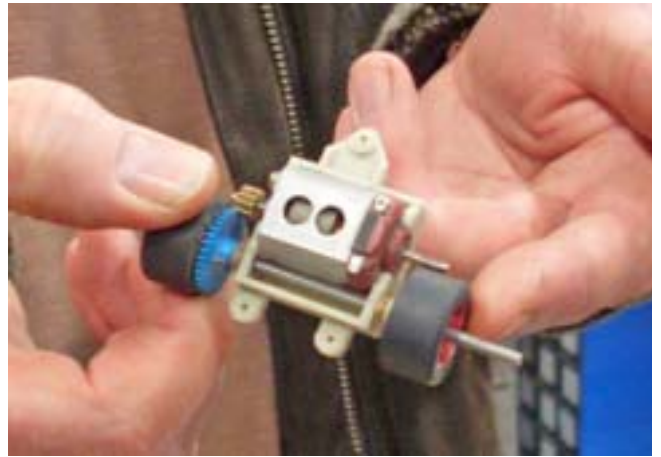
been up to lately, and you can always rely on him to let me take his photo, so what a top bloke he is then! We also did a "serious one", in which he is showing me his "best selling kit" since he started working from home, which is the Chevy pick-up.

Which just goes to show that people are quite happy to buy something other than the latest LMP or other modern racing machine, and that doesn't surprise me as my Bearwood mate Mark W. has also said that when he has his



friends around to race they'd much rather race my Banger racer creations than the usual RTR stuff that you can buy off the shelf, so maybe the mainstream manufacturers are missing something here then?

George also showed me his latest "improvement" which is his own "pod" that removes the need to buy the Slot.it pod to fit to his chassis (sorry Maurizio), but George has now made his kits "more complete" by doing this and he's even used modern technology to do it as it was initially designed on a 3D CAD system and then printed out on a 3D printer but then rather than printing every one of them, he's then actually cast it himself in resin, so even Mr.



Turner is starting to embrace modern technology then (!), so does that mean that I might have to as well one day then I wonder?⇒⇒



Whatever, here's what George had to say about the event himself:

Hi Graham, we had a good Milton Keynes show this year. The Bedford CA van has proven very popular, so it seems that people do not always want racing cars. Maybe this means a couple more vans to come later in the year then?



waiting for this one, and I am also doing a reworking of the Maserati 300S with engine detail which will be making a limited return later this year.

Regards, George

Yes, he actually sold out of all of the CA vans as soon as the event opened , that's how popular it is!



The Targa Floria Alfa T33 and Le Mans T33 are coming along but my main focus on the workbench is the Cunningham C4RK, (finally) as a few people have been

Slot Track Scenics News

Having featured some of David and Guy's latest products last month, then here's a picture of



some of the new stanchions for their AB4 advert boards that we didn't have enough room for last month unfortunately.

Amato Chassis Design News



Blimey, the news is coming faster and faster now but will Jeremy have room for it all I wonder?

Angelo recently sent me this picture of one of my Mini vans now that it is finished and you may notice the Vac formed windows and interior as one of his friends is now able to make those for us also. ➡➡

Bearwood's James Noake has also done this older Scalextric Ferrari F40 with one of



Angelo's chassis and it now flies as you might have expected as it is "built by James" and has a Scaleauto motor rather than the standard Hornby Mabuchi "S" motor.

Angelo also sent me some pics of his latest products which are for the Carrera Beetle and the Plymouth Fury, as well as the FLY Saleen, together with some pics of one that "one of his



friends made earlier" and utilises one of those Revell "Snap Tite" kits that recently got cleared out for £3 each at Home Bargains, so Angelo



There is also a list of all the chassis that Angelo does on Slotforum I think, but if you want an update then please email him directly via: angelo.amato@live.co.uk as I don't think you will be able to read it if we print it here as the font will be rather small. ➡➡

Team Slot News

has now designed a chassis for the ZZ Top car in order to make it even easier to build one up into a slotcar.





To follow the very long awaited RS2000 Police car coming out (and which then sold out in the blink of an eye) in February, then there is also



this “rather red” Lancia Stratos which is due out at the end of March (Ref. No. 11516) and which also has the latest chassis fitted to it so I’m told.

Falcon Slot News

Coming soon is this variant of the Porsche 924 which ran in the 1982 Le Mans 24HR race.

Scalextric On TV





I son't know if you saw the Goblin Works Garage one recently with the Capri that they turned into a 70's Dodge Charger type "Muscle Car" with that "bar" type grill and a massive current Ford Mustang engine, but it also featured the presenters racing on a Scalextric track at the start, and they've also done some other nice cars too, but I am truly astounded by some of the prices that people seem to be willing to pay for the finished items though, has the world gone mad, or what!

And Finally

If you step back and think about it from outside the box, given that the NSCC has been around for approaching 40 years now and can therefore probably be very rightly credited with



"inventing the Scalextric/ Slotcar Swapmeet" as we currently know it, then I actually think that it's a massive shame that *so many* of those people who *used* to be members, no longer are, even though you still tend to see so many of them at events like the Milton Keynes swapmeet around the country year after year, which in itself is great, but were it not for the NSCC, and their previous membership of said entity, then this simply would not have happened, would it?

So, what's gone wrong then? Well, the general consensus is the advent of "The Internet" for a start, as with the "WWW" then everything is so "now" but there is life outside of "The Internet", trust me!

In my world you still can't beat a good old paper thing in your hand to read and you can't exactly swot a fly with a tablet (it's the modern day replacement for a Newspaper apparently) can you?

But for about the same price as a cup of "Costa Fortune" Coffee anyone in the UK could get a monthly paper copy of the Journal landing on their doormat just like in the good old days, as it's currently just a tad under £3 per month to join, so if you're reading this and are not currently a fully paid up NSCC member, then instead of just enjoying the swapmeets, how about signing up again and helping the Club get back to the levels it used to be in the good old days when the Membership was well over 1,000 members?

Just because the majority think the future is 100% electronic, we don't all have to join in, do we? See you all next month, if all goes to plan.■

Apologies for a few missing manufacturers from our survey of slot car makers beginning with an **A** last month, a quick visit to Phil Smith's website www.scaleslotcars.com and other sites including www.electricdreams.com, revealed that I had missed All Slot Car, Any Slot, Arrow, Artin, AUTOart and Avant Slot.

All Slot Car appear to make a generic plain Formula One car, designed to be made up and painted to represent any racing stable's F1 cars.

Phil Smith has a pair of nice Any Slot cars for sale, a Matra MS 670 from Le Mans 1972, and a Ferrari 250GT Bread Van from Le Mans 1962.

Arrow Slot are based in Barcelona, and Pendle (www.pendleslotracing.co.uk) have various spares and a complete Saleen S7-R from Le Mans 2010 and BMW V12 LMR from Sebring 1999 available at present.



Artin have brought us cheap and cheerful sets over the years from Hong Kong. I'm not sure if the pictured cars are Artin, but they are from Hong Kong.

AUTOart are also based in Hong Kong, and offer both die-cast, 1/32 and 1/24 scale slot cars, see: www.autoartmodels.com.

Avant Slot are a Spanish Manufacturer, based in Madrid, see: www.avantslot.com.



B is for Beardog, Betta Classic, Black Arrow, BRM, BSR, Bum Slot and BZ.

Beardog make or made some nice Indy Cars, judging by the McLaren M16 and Coyote on the Electric Dreams website.

Betta Classic, see www.bettaandclassic.com for what is claimed to be the world's largest online catalogue of currently available 1/32 and 1/24 scale slot car bodies. This was the recently departed Charlie Fitzpatrick's Company, and has been supplying slot car parts for over 50 years. Charlie was the CD Fitzpatrick we mentioned in January. Graham Pritchard has confirmed that some of their slotcar bodies were indeed made of fibreglass. Charlie's Company is being carried on by his son Ian.

Black Arrow are based in Spain and have an interesting website with a creative English version www.blackarrow.es/en/.

BRM are an Italian Company, see: www.brmmodelcars.com.

BSR stands for Bitume Slot Racing, and are resin slot car kit manufacturers based in Le Val, France, see: www.bitume-slot-racing.com.

BUM stands for Barcelona Universal Models, so the rudeness of their BUM Slot brand is presumably as unintentional as when Rolls Royce made their Silver Mist, not realising Mist in German was something dogs do, =>

apparently. There is a very nice yellow 22nd anniversary Fiat Abarth on their website www.bum-german.blogspot.co.uk.

Vernon Beck and Sonny Zimmerman renamed their American Line slot car Company BZ and made some iconic slot cars in the 1960's that used the same chassis as Classic slot cars. BZ models included the Little Red Wagon (see later), the Green Hornet's Black Beauty, the official Batmobile, and some modernistic things, including the Banshee.

Let's examine how models of the above manufacturer's slotcars are doing individually on eBay:

All Slotcar eBay Top Ten

1. All Slot Cars F1 Built as EVO Red Bull #1 £56.98 (301833355765).
2. All Slot Cars F1 Built as EVO Sauber #15 £56.98 (301833356886).
3. Sloting Plus Aluminium Chassis for All Slot Cars F1 Bodies £19.60 (292306162263).

Well, it would have been a Top Ten but only three have sold recently on eBay. Pendle have 52 All Slot Car items available at present if you want some though.

Any Slot eBay Top Ten

1. Anni-Mini (Any Slot) White Porsche 550 Spyder (Ninco Chassis) £301.42 (201501806763).

Gosh, it looks like even fewer Any Slot cars have sold on eBay recently, only one actually.

Arrow eBay Top Ten

1. Arrow Slot Saleen S7-R Le Mans 2010 # 50 £35.06 (302203297486).

Oh, there's only one of those too. Worth checking out the 1920's Kokomo Electricar Red Arrow set that also appeared in my search though, that sold for £223.51 (162732618941). Also popping up of course, were Scalletti Arrows, so let's take a look at those too:

Scalextric Scalletti Arrow eBay Top Ten

1. CS51 Set with early Green and Red Scalletti Arrows £21.00 (122817514226).



2. Two Green, one Red Scalletti Arrow plus Mini and Formula Junior Scrapyard £19.99 (182984108381).
3. Early Red Scalletti Arrow £16.99 (152549698460).
4. Later (Low Profile Wheels & Full Face Helmet) Green Scalletti Arrow Undisclosed Offer over £14.45 (132468082406).
5. Two Later Red Scalletti Arrows Undisclosed Offer over £14.45 (182879379540).
6. Early Green Scalletti Arrow (Missing rear wing) £11.50 (282731383076).
7. Later Blue Scalletti Arrow £11.50 (302587649074).
8. Early Green Scalletti Arrow £8.00 (182926952528).



9. Later Red Scalletti Arrow £8.00 (112763207242).
10. Early Green & Red Scalletti Arrows (Missing Rear Wings) £7.45 (401472494643).

I have a nostalgic affection for the Scalletti Arrow, as I received a blue one with a blue Team Car from Father Christmas around 1971. I discovered that despite its smaller motor, the Arrow was the car to drive around the inside lane of my Set 31 layout, with its sharp bends and short straights, which prevented the more





powerful but heavier and wider Team Car from getting into it's stride. I remember my Dad and I discussing how Scalextric track didn't seem wide enough for those cars, not knowing of the existence of track borders at that time. I still have both cars, but they have somehow lost their aerofoils and changed colour over the years.

Both models used the same rear wing, as did the Powersledge Formula One and Indy cars, Javelin and Electra, and I must admit I have on occasion added another Scalletti Arrow to my collection, just to get an extra rear wing to complete one of my larger cars.



Artin eBay Top Ten

1. Artin 1/43 Giant Road Rally Set still sealed in box £142.92 (132425460009).
2. Artin 1/43 Super Loop Speedway Set £63.59 (352206787190).
3. Artin 1/43 Spiral Tier Night Chase & Tyco HO Super Cliff Hangers Sets £57.13 (162795963647).
4. Artin 1/43 Wireless Super Loop Speedway Porsche Set £51.14 (322864573675).
5. Artin 1/43 Track, Accessories & Five Cars Undisclosed Offer over £44.29 (112416271735).
6. Collection of 10 Cars by Artin, Carrera, Jouef & Polistil £44.29 (282760342975).
7. Collection of 10 Artin Cars £44.29 (152863158493).

8. Artin Power Passers Brickyard 400 Four Lane Set £42.88 (222773710998).

9. Artin Escape from Earthquake Alley Set £42.87 (142224332518).

10. Artin Looping Challenge Set Undisclosed Offer over £35.72 (282764356071).

Most of the above Artin sets were purchased in December, so may well have been Christmas presents for the buyer's unsuspecting offspring. Interesting to see one of the Power Passers sets that we mentioned in January. At least one survived then.

AUTOart eBay Top Ten

1. AUTOart collection of eight cars (Citroen, Mitsubishi, Nissan, four Porsches and a Peugeot) £81.00 (263329684681).
2. AUTOart Gold Lamborghini Miura £76.00 (372163201704).
3. AUTOart Jaguar C-Type 1963 £69.99 (172552542057).
4. AUTOart Orange Lamborghini Miura £61.17 (322929877365).
5. AUTOart Lancia Fulvia 1.6HF Monte Carlo £56.94 (202148235113).
6. AUTOart Red Porsche Carrera GT £52.70 (192319334349).
7. AUTOart Red Lamborghini Countach 5000S £51.00 (372163200502).
8. Scalextric Aston Martin Vantage GT3 Bathurst 12Hr in AUTOart Livery £50.23 (273044319964).
9. AUTOart Red & Black Bugatti Veyron £49.13 (202181478223).
10. AUTOart, Ninco & Scalextric Six Car Collection £49.00 (253289266416).

I was surprised to find a Scalextric car in 8th place, which appropriately for a Bathurst car was sold by an Australian seller.

Avant Slot eBay Top Ten

1. Avant Slot Dakar Truck Tridec Exact £177.31 (152878110859).
2. Avant Slot Dakar Truck Illes Balears £140.08 (192432803574).
3. Avant Slot Peugeot 207 S2000 Vallejo Limited Edition £120.00 (182939441737).
4. Avant Slot Peugeot 207 Para Recordar, Book & DVD £103.11 (162891533922).

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5. Avant Slot Opel Manta 400 Rothmans £94.99 (323053123741).
6. Avant Slot Subaru WRC Ken Block £87.77 (382328013738).
7. Avant Slot Subaru WRC Fago £87.77 (382327999514).
8. Avant Slot Dakar Truck 6WD Red Bull £86.99 (332392056190).
9. Avant Slot Gulf Mirage twin car set £85.43 (112781020032).
10. Avant Slot Mitsubishi Evo X Pons 2009 £82.00 (142609964093).

Beardog eBay Top Ten

1. Beardog Chassis and Motor £13.30 (182997889476).

Oh, okay, maybe just a Top One there then.

Betta Classic eBay Top Ten

1. Betta & Classic Alfa Romeo 12C Fibreglass Body Kit £14.18 (151782423485).
2. Betta Classic (?) Napier Railton Green Body £7.00 (272933311591).

Ah, looks like just a Top Two in that case. Quite low prices considering the apparent rarity.

Black Arrow eBay Top Ten

1. Black Arrow Ferrari GT3 Momo Red £120.00 (122930902027).
2. Black Arrow Ferrari 458 Monster Black Undisclosed Offer over £72.89 (282852560981).
3. Black Arrow Aston Martin DBR9 Modena £72.89 (273004393733).
4. Black Arrow Aston Martin DBR9 Kit £53.15 (282852497739).
5. Black Arrow Lamborghini Murcielago Kit £53.15 (182837417324).
6. Black Arrow Copper Braid £3.99 (182403415872).

Well, we almost made it to ten Black Arrows.

BRM eBay Top Ten

1. Carrera 1/24 Track with two BRM Momo and Leyton House Porsche digital cars £270.64 (322891362358).
2. BRM 1/24 Mercedes Sauber C-9 Limited Edition £160.00 (122820751145).
3. BRM 1/24 Green Martini Porsche 917K Undisclosed Offer over £139.00 (162752220218).

4. BRM 1/24 Red Martini Porsche 917K Undisclosed Offer over £139.00 (152786370988).
5. BRM 1/24 Wurth Shell Dunlop Porsche 962C Undisclosed Offer over £139.00 (162807838183).
6. BRM 1/24 Marlboro Quaker State Porsche 962C Undisclosed Offer over £139.00 (152830873368).
7. BRM 1/24 Harrods Yellow McLaren F1 GT £135.31 (391430109385).
8. BRM 1/24 Marlboro McLaren F1 GT £128.55 (232662345593).
9. BRM 1/24 Ford Mustang Boss Smokey Yunick £126.96 (142596778918).
10. BRM 1/24 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 Lennox £126.96 (142596744191).

BSR eBay Top Ten

1. BSR resin Lancia D20C 1953 £179.99 (312039513480).
2. BSR Cunningham Le Mans 1952 £67.38 (222753297950).
3. BSR/Proto Kit Maserati 250F Streamline GP Reims 1956 £63.10 (132403840355).
4. BSR Nissan r382 Kit £35.46 (152856749132).
5. BSR AC Cobra Coupe (Body Only) £9.31 (222741382713).

Only enough BSR's sold on eBay for a Top Five, as you can see.

BUM Slot eBay Top Ten

1. MRRC White Mercedes 154 made for BUM Slot £53.19 (162810520131).
2. BUM Slot 1937 Ford Pick Up £52.31 (192437939938).
3. MRRC Grey Mercedes 154 made for BUM Slot £44.33 (162810496633).
4. BUM Slot Mercedes W196 Streamline Kit £26.67 (323053046332).
5. BUM Slot Chrome Maserati 250F £17.69 (332481098241).
6. BUM Slot pair of Go-Carts £12.81 (292071587452).

Only six BUM Slots sold on eBay recently.

BZ eBay Top Ten

1. BZ 1/24 Banshee Thingie Green £124.63 (391934511322).



2. BZ 1/24 Chaparral 2g Blue £119.16 (253415765837).
3. BZ 1/24 Watson Ford £112.17 (382307134497).
4. BZ 1/24 1000 and AMT Fantum-1 Cars £106.83 (192369464876).
5. BZ 1/24 Banshee Thingie Gold Undisclosed Offer over £106.82 (391935369630).
6. BZ 1/24 Maverick's Little Red Wagon Dodge Pick-Up £106.82 (372192968520).
7. BZ 1/24 Batmobile with transparent (Lancer ?) Body £89.02 (152884715818).
8. BZ 1/24 BZ Logo NOS Batmobile Rear Tyres only from 1966 £79.05 (382306565757). See listing for interesting history of BZ.
9. BZ 1/24 Batmobile 1966 £71.21 (172991870761).
10. Lancer Repro BZ 1/24 Batmobile £69.08 (263437031199).



I like the Little Red Wagon. There seems to have been a bit of a craze about this dragster of the 1960's that used to pull wheelies down the quarter-mile. It is featured prominently in Ed Radlauer's 1967 book Slot Car Racing. Apparently the BZ version can pull wheelies too.

Monthly World Wide eBay Top Ten

1. Pair of Blue Cox 1/24 Super Cucaracha GT's with boxes that were a "barn find complete with

- pigeon #*&@%” (!) £2,492.70 (142681732668).
2. Scalextric Vintage James Bond Set £1,222.00 (222805162351).
 3. Scalextric Vintage James Bond Aston Martin & Mercedes Cars Only £1200.00 (183035878141).
 4. Scalextric Vintage 48 Cars Collection £1,000.00 (232663286615).
 5. Aurora, Riggen and Tyco HO 54 Cars Collection £991.38 (152864836167).
 6. Pair of Tyco HO Joel Tazman Chevy Lumina NASCARs £851.08 (253403576747).
 7. Tamiya 1/24 Dodge Charger Kit £712.20 (202198454626).
 8. Auto World T Jet HO 65 Car collection £712.19 (132466854336).
 9. French Scalextric Vintage Black Bentley £725.00 (222805010327).
 10. French Scalextric Vintage Yellow Alfa Romeo £725.00 (222805039695).

A good showing by Scalextric in this month's Top Ten, although beaten by the expensive guano in first place. Good prices achieved by the French Bentley and Alfa Romeo.

More Holy Racing

Word has spread in our local churches about our availability to build Scalextric tracks for fundraising purposes, and we had the pleasure of building a six lane track in a neighbouring church this month. One visitor arrived in a Morgan sports car, which took a while to park in the small church car park.

All was well until my Patrick Motors Group Scalextric Rover SD1 took a nose dive off the track tables. I suspected the teenage driver rammed the car off the bend at full speed on purpose, so gave him a much slower and less valued car to race after that! ■

