

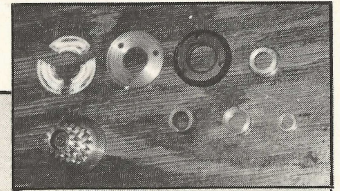
On The

PIPE

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two of them easing away from the rest of the pack. After a few minutes, Collari looked like he drove wide deliberately to let Burch through to roars of

🔍 **New Serpent compression plate clutch.**



1991 World Championships — Austin, Texas, U.S.A.

The World Champs are held bi-annually and are meant to alternate between the three world blocks, Europe, America and the Far East. Once again the Far East had opted out and so the event went to America.

Although America is a large country it does not have a lot of 1/8 I.C. interest and its previous record at World events in this class had not been particularly good, but this time there was a significant improvement. One bad point though, was the fact that the rostrum had no cover to shelter



🔍 **The final line up.**



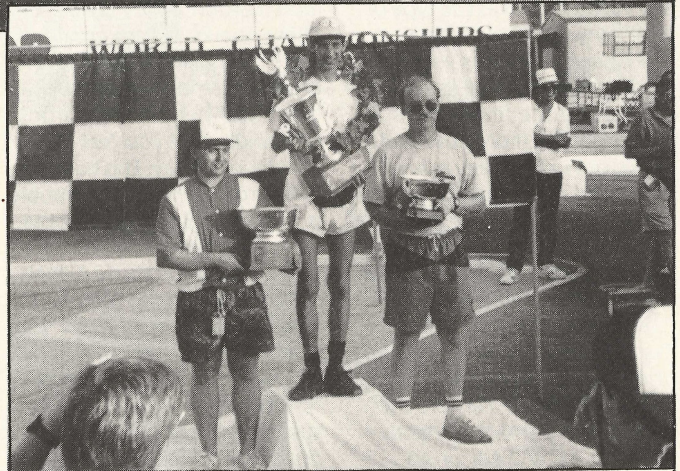
🔍 **Ron Paris, Gene Husting and Ralph Burch.**

out the very hot sun, which left the drivers to roast. It took some three days before cover was provided. The circuit itself was much improved over the normal car park type circuit though, so there were some positive aspects.

Qualifying was dominated, not unexpectedly at the start, by the Ron Paris powered Associated of Ralph Burch. However, in the closing rounds,

that much valued TQ spot went to reigning World Champion, Lamberto Collari with his Top powered Blitz.

Only two British drivers made the long journey to compete, Gary Culver and James Haydon. Gary running his much modified Serpent, must have been disappointed by a mid thirties qualifying position after the way the car has been performing so well in the U.K. James Haydon on the other hand was very pleased



🔍 **Fantini, Collari, Salven.**

when he qualified twenty second. His Top powered Blitz was in solid axle form, as he had been running in the U.K., the difference here though was that some help had been forthcoming in the set up and this, together with all the work that James had been putting in with testing, all seemed to 'gel' together to good effect.

The one hour final itself saw Collari take off in the lead chased hard by Burch with the

approval from the crowd. However, Collari only allowed them a few moments of pleasure as he proceeded to blast past Burch on the straight — Wow! Thereafter he maintained the lead and when Burch's motor came to a halt at a fuel stop, all the pressure was gone so Collari with his Blitz became the first person to make it a double at the World Champs.

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