

review megamix

This month we have the usual eclectic mix of models for experienced racers, novice racers and 'let's have a good time in the backyard' sport drivers. First up Neil Kerridge tells you what the Silver Snake was like when he/we finally pulled the starter cord.

The new Yokomo Touring Car has already made a few waves, released in good time for the European Championships in July the car will be a top contender. Kon Kazee deserts his beloved F1s to build the Yoke, will this make Kon a Kontender to?

If you want to race a Touring car style car for almost no money the Mardave V10 is for you. Cheap to buy but with excellent performance and low, low running costs this is the bargain of the century.

Tamiya have rightly gained a reputation for both product quality and for product innovation. We have two examples this month of the innovative side of Tamiya. The Wild Dagger is a pure sport machine. Styled as a stadium/monster truck the Dagger is a real wild child and sports two motors for a real 'go anywhere' performance. Spencer Pollard, of sister magazine Military in Scale, built this one, for his son he said. Oh yeah, sure Spence!

Spencer has also built the Tamiya Sherman Tank, some readers will remember his efforts with the Tiger Tank last year, forget them, this time he has excelled himself and the finished product is simply breathtaking. See the June MIS for a sneak preview or wait for his review next month here in RRCi.

The Porsche 911 GT1 '98 LM (Some name eh?) is a faithful replica of the '98 Le Mans winner, what is different here is that Tamiya have built the Porsche on their F103 F1 chassis, so it is quick and light. Peter Chaldecott, one of our two tame Tamiya specialists built ours and it looks super.

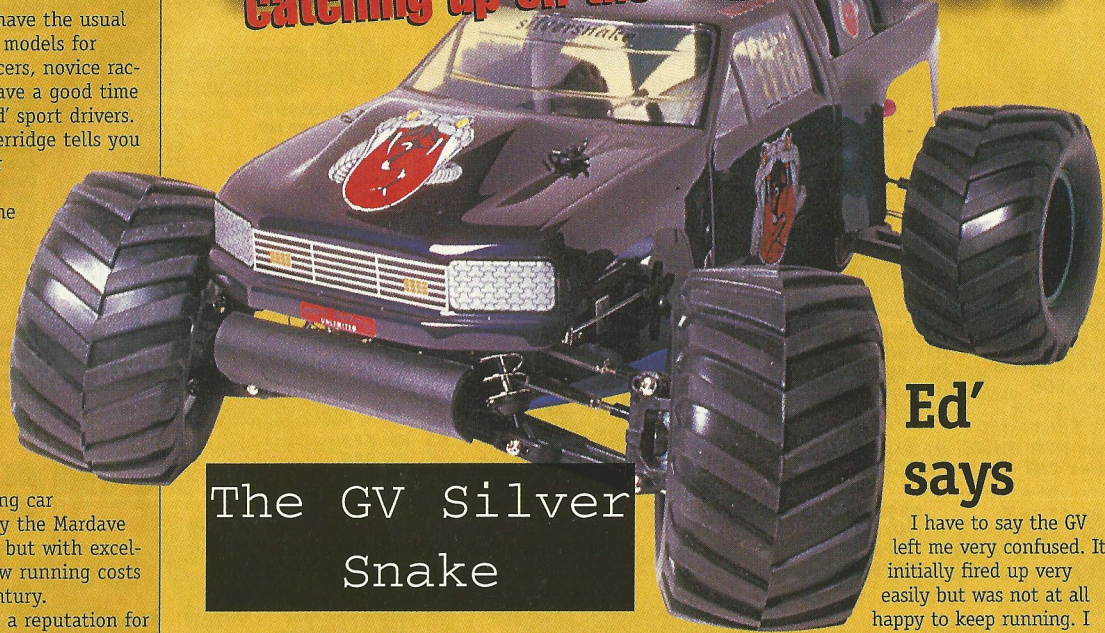
Tame Tamiya specialists number two, Chris Fife-Schaw, builds another TL01 - a Honda NSX this time, pretty car and a perfect first race car in many ways.

Last but by no means least is a look back to 1986 and the innovative PB Mustang with Trevor Tennant, different this one.

See you next month for another mega mix of reviews.

drive in

catching up on the kits we have built



The GV Silver Snake

Ed' says

I have to say the GV left me very confused. It initially fired up very easily but was not at all happy to keep running. I

Remember the Silversnake in last months summertime blues theme? Those that do will remember that I ran out of time to run it before it went in to the mag, well as promised here is the drive in...

Bad start

On a sunny Sunday afternoon I made my way over to the Ed's house to get some expert help on setting up the engine, as it turns out at the time he was running one of the Tamiya monster trucks, the Wild Dagger, but that is another story. Within minutes the Ed's pit table was out and his garden resembled a pit area from the Paris-Dakar rally.

Time for a few final checks on the model, like everything was actually on the car! I had no glow plug or starter, so PeterE graciously supplied those, what I did have was plenty of fuel.

Things looked promising at first with a roar of life from the engine, then, nothing.....

For about an hour PeterE twisted and turned various screws, lowend, highend, made no sense to me, but after watching I slowly started to take it in.

If it was left to me I would have been there for about five hours, or still there while you are reading this! Finally PeterE was going to give up, but as ever - you give it one more chance don't you. Yes, you guessed, the little monster sprang in to action. I thanked PeterE profusely and left to have dinner.

followed the instructions for the Force .12 engine and when they did not work I simply worked my way through a long series of different settings. The darned thing actually fired OK and ran when I returned to those original settings an hour later! Very frustrating and confusing. Once we had it running it was just a case of slowly setting the throttle and brake linkages correctly and running a couple of tanks of fuel through, nice and rich, to bed the engine in. The strange thing is that the same engine in my Carson Ferrari F1 fired on about the third pull and has been as good as gold ever since.

Workout

Straight after dinner I took the truck to my local car boot field. The thing about these IC cars is that need a lot of space, and you don't get more space than a car boot field.

The model was set up perfectly and I would have to admit, that this model is serious, after a few tanks at low speed, I refuelled and whoa, if you could have seen my smile.

For about an hour I stood there transfixed on this little monster whizzing around soaking everything in its path up.

The engine seems very loud and certainly does work very well, and after all the initial problems, to see the truck running perfectly was stunning (no stalling - saves my little legs).

Well done to Force for supplying a wicked engine.

The model is excellent and if I had to rate it, 10/10, go on buy one, then look in the mirror after you have run it, you know that smile is worth it! **RRCi**

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