

# RMS LOTUS SUPER 7

## Greg Halliday reviews this Mini Stock conversion from Radio Model Supplies

Back in 1963 a friend of mine purchased what was marketed as the "poor man's E type Jaguar"; the Lotus Super Seven kit car. Using a motley assortment of components including a 95 bhp Cosworth/Ford 1500cc Cortina engine and gearbox, and Triumph Herald wheels with crossply tyres, all held together by the legendary Lotus space frame chassis, this missile could accelerate from 0-60 mph in 6.7 secs, with dry road wheelspin occurring in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd gears!! Although the performance and handling were superb, in its standard form the Super Seven was a car of extremes; no heater, padded seats sitting on the floor pan, a side exhaust alongside the passenger's ear, and no fuel gauge. You had to dip the fuel tank with a

piece of wood to find out if you had enough petrol to get home! One day my friend (probably in a fit of madness!), allowed me to drive the "7" and it was an experience I shall never forget — driving a real road racer.

Nowadays the Caterham 7 provides its owner with a somewhat more refined version of the classic and now, for all those people like me who always wanted their own Lotus 7, if you have a Mardave Mini-Stock car and £6.99 you can fulfil your wish in miniature with a Radio Model Supplies 1/12th Lotus Super Seven!

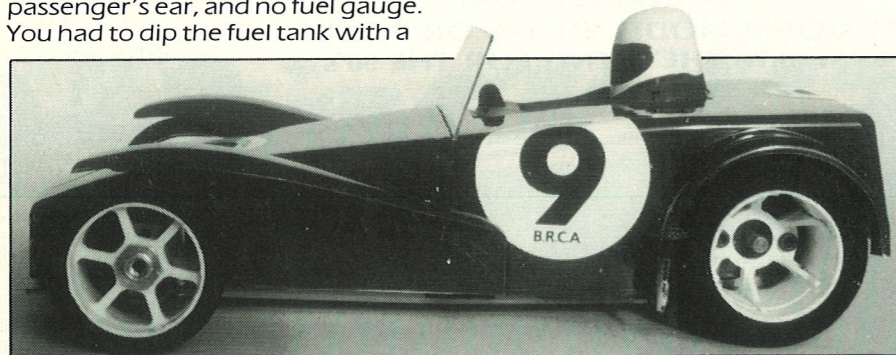
### Jim Clarke drives again!!

Designed as a replacement bodyshell for the Mini-Stock car, the ABS shell comes in three pieces; a body and a pair of flared wings which are attached with servo tape, and a clear windscreen which is

glued into a slot. Contrary to what we all thought before testing the car, the windscreen does not get flattened when you roll the car! You will also need a couple of extra body posts. Spray the shell with any automobile spray before fitting the screen, paint the driver, and you are in business. Your Mini will need slight modifications to the Mardave speed controller to enable the Lotus shell to fit over it, or you could fit either an electronic type or mechanical version which RMS can supply.

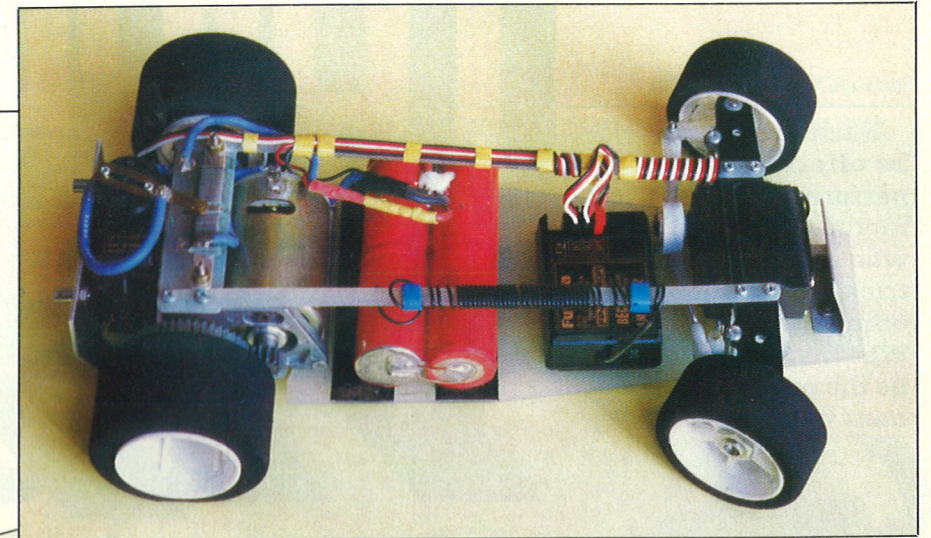
### A Real 'Wolf' in Lotus Clothes!!

Radio Model Supplies are importers of Kawada products (including the superbly manufactured M-300 1/12th circuit car which we reviewed last year), and they can also supply a full Lotus Super Seven car using their own glassfibre chassis with top stiffening rails and running gear components from the Kawada Wolf RX 230. Plain and fully ballraced versions are available and both types come supplied with a differential. The car has very positive handling, and its speed with just four cells and a 35 turn Mabuchi 540 is quite remarkable! We also tried the Lotus with a special six cell pack and that was really fast and hairy; with its short wheelbase you had to be careful the back didn't catch up the front on sharp corners — just like the real thing! One of the most appealing



► **The RMS Lotus minus its bodyshell, note the 4 cell battery pack and wiper speed control.**

things about the Lotus is the fact you can watch which way your front wheels are pointing at all times — this looks really great when you are on opposite lock drifting around a corner! When we tried two cars during the break at the January Oakdale indoor meeting we found they drew quite a crowd because they looked different, and don't we all like something that's different?!



### Classic Car Racing in Miniature?

Radio Model Supplies would like to hear from enthusiasts who are interested in these classic car type of radio models, as they are considering expanding the range. They have already produced a bodyshell of the Mini based GTM coupe, and very pretty it looks too. Who knows, perhaps we may yet see classic car racing in miniature, with the entries looking like real cars!

Now, let me see. How about a Morgan Plus 4, or a '63 Ferrari 250 GTO, or even a Mk 1 Lotus Cortina for starters?! For further details contact: Radio Model Supplies, 25 Ashbourne Road, Underwood, Notts. NG16 5EH Tel. 0773 765070. (Say you read about it in Radio Race Car!)

