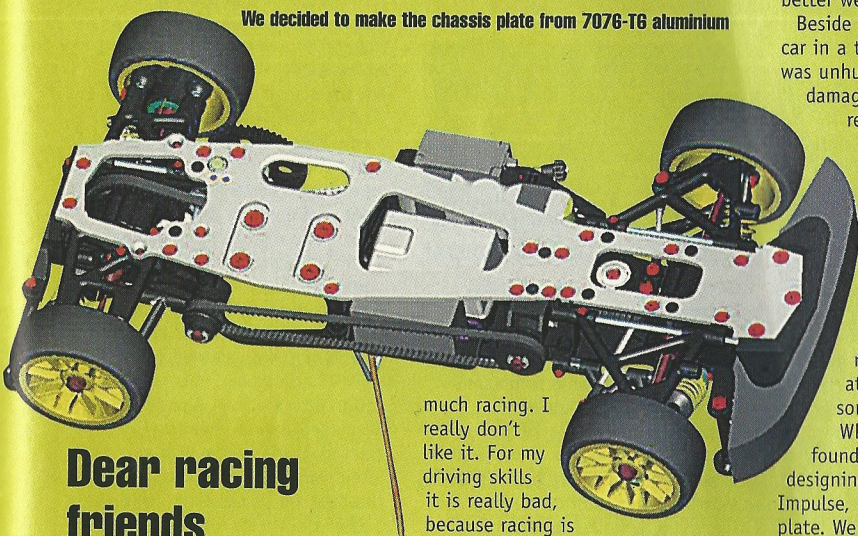


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TEAM talk

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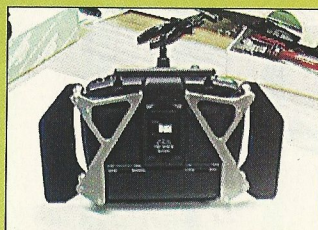


Dear racing friends

The Ed' tells me he has been too short of space to feature my column for a while, so New Year greetings, it's nice to be back!

After my Japan trip I didn't have

much racing. I really don't like it. For my driving skills it is really bad, because racing is much, much better than practice, at least for me. But even practising is almost impossible in the moment. The weather in Holland is very cold and it rained almost all of



Sanwa Exes, now with wings

November.

But not only that I miss the practice. But I have also some new technical ideas that I need to try, and I am desperately waiting for better weather.

Beside that I destroyed my real car in a traffic accident. Luckily I was unhurt, but my car was heavily damaged. Although I was not

responsible, it really didn't help to bring me into a better mood. So I decided to take some days off after I finished my work for the Impulse. I spent these free days with my girlfriend to celebrate Christmas and New Year. But I could not resist spending one Sunday at an indoor facility to have some fun with an Impact.

When I came back to work, I found that I had to do some re-designing of some parts of the Impulse, for example the chassis plate. We planned to make this chassis from 2mm aluminium in an extruding process. But after we analysed it, we found that it will be only a little cheaper than a classic

chassis-plate. So we decided to make the chassis plate from 7076-T6 aluminium with a thickness of 3mm, very much like the Impact-chassis. We think that in this way we can provide a much better quality and stiffness, which we also improved by adding two stiffeners between the radio-plate and the rear end. On the photos you can see the parts.

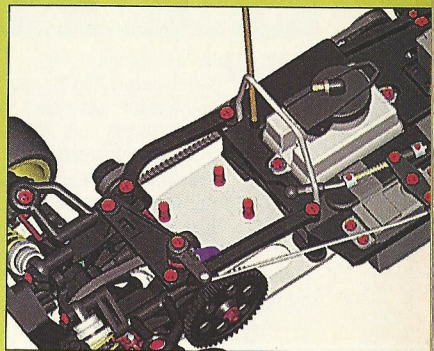
In between I got the new transmitter from Sanwa. As most of you know I use a Sanwa radio for quite a long time now, and I really like the new features of the SuperEXZES. The way I drive, I need two 'wings' to support my hands, and I have made a very, very nice part of it.

Well, beside that there is a lot of development going on, but unfortunately I cannot tell you any details about that, especially with the upcoming World championship. But, of course, development is going on and I have a few nice ideas!

Luckily there is a little bit of racing coming soon. This weekend will be the Impact Grand Final, which we will organise again. It is an indoor race and we expect a lot of drivers from all over Europe and even from the US. The weekend after that there will be an international 1/8 scale race on the same track, organised by the Mach, which is the local club of Heemstede. I am really looking forward to this race and I will tell you more in my next column.

Till next time **RRCI**

A sneak preview of the new Impulse



Hot Lap

With Michael Salven