

THORL

The HO Racing League

Welcome to the latest THORL newsletter.

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THORL in 2021

Over a year has passed since the last THORL a race in February 2020, with all activities, being put on hold soon after. With UK restrictions being slowly lifted, we can hope that we see a return to racing at some point in 2021.

Many THORL racers partake in the slot car hobby locally, and we will be watching this closely before committing to any THORL race dates. THORL will take a cautious approach and we must be sure of measures we may have to put into place, especially as we entertain racers travelling across the country.

HO stuff in the UK

Just because we haven't been racing, the providers to the hobby haven't stopped, and in some cases have increased. Well what else have we been able to do!!

Importing into the UK has seen significant cost increases over the last few years (I've certainly not imported as much as I used to due to increases in shipping, customs charges, exchange rate etc.), so I'd thought a focus on who and what we have in the UK.

Some of those listed focus on the larger scales, but do list/provide for HO if you ask,

This is not definitive and apologies if I've missed anyone.

Let us know details and I can list more in the next newsletter.

Barry Johnson: Slot Cars Direct – Supplier of Cars, Parts, Spares.

Andy Abbott (Andys HO Bodies) – Resin HO Bodies (Facebook)

GP Miniatures – Buildings inc 1/43.

Mongoose Slot Cars – HO spares and Hop ups (Facebook).

Betta and Classic – Selection of 1970's Grand Prix Cars in HO.



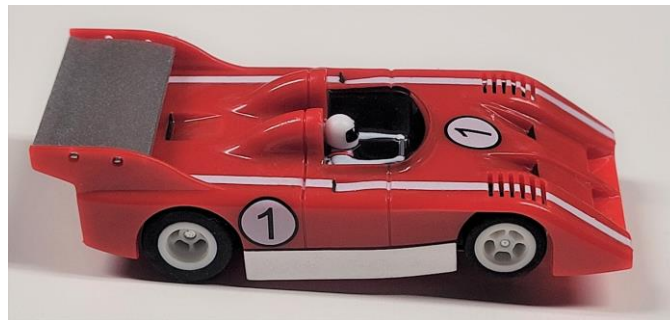
Picture of B&C bodies painted by Kevin Fudge.

We are a nation of cottage industries, and please continue support where possible and help keep the UK HO flag flying.

HO new Releases

As said above, HO hasn't stopped.

JAG hobbies have released a new body, the Can-Am style 227, to fit their TR3 chassis platform. We've had great fun with the JAG platform and I'm sure these will be another addition!

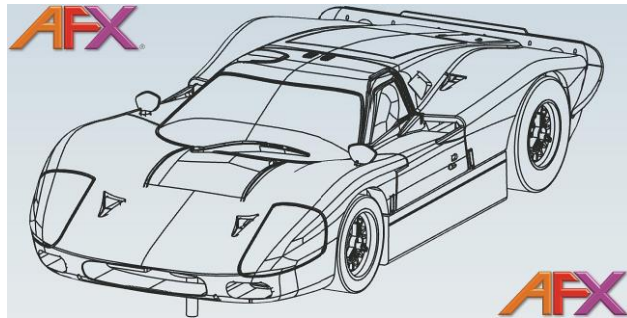


Another JAG release, not sure if I've covered before, is adjustable Brush tubes to fit DR-1, TR-3, NC-2 and Mega G. A great upgrade for brush barrel systems.



AFX have announced more upcoming releases.

Several new bodies not seen before including the Ford GT MkIV, plus increased wheel detail on upcoming models. New models continue to come to market including the Boss mustang now in Clear versions. (Pictures courtesy of AFX Racing Facebook Site).



Dates for release this year are (Courtesy of h0slot.ch):

March 2021

- # 22041 Stocker Two Pack (new Livery)
- # 22017 Formula Two Pack available again

April 2021

- Ford GT Heritage # 98 (Mega-G + 1.7 ")

May 2021

- # 22044 Ford GT Heritage # 98 - new release
- # 21036 120 Ohm controller available again
- # 22020 Giant Race Set available again

June 2021

All new cars:

- # 22025 Ford GT40 Mark IV # 1 Sebring
- # 22031 Ford GT40 Mark IIB # 2 Sebring
- # 22038 1970 Corvette LT1 Metallic Red
- # 22043 1970 Chevelle 454 Red
- # 22050 1971 Chevelle 454 Yellow

September at the earliest

Infinity Race Set
Super Cars Set

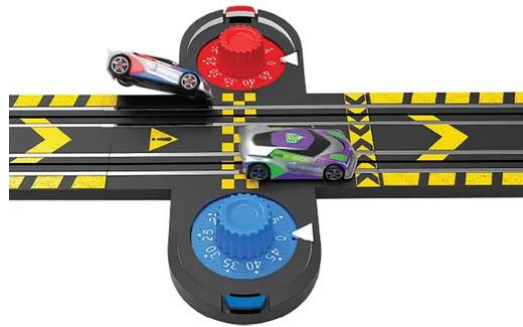
Viper Scale Racing continue at pace to release new aftermarket items for many platforms. Of particular interest are hard to come by pickup shoes for the AFX Mega G 1.7 (Long and Short) and for the Lifelike M chassis. Could we see a resurgence in the original Mega G platform?.If you have the chassis and motor mags, it is now possible to completely rebuild using aftermarket items (see JAG Hobbies barrels).



Micro Scalextric released their product range for earlier in 2021. Several new track pieces were announced including a lap counter due for imminent release which ejects the loser.

Releases now seem to be even more toy like, with only the new James Bond set with 'real' cars coming soon. I don't blame them, if that is their market focus and ties with WB/ Marvel, but it's a shame we may never see the likes of the fab F40, Audi R8, Fiat 500, Minis etc.

There was also a dedicated Micro catalogue announced, but it seems to be very elusive! Damned if I can find it listed anywhere.



More details of our events are available on the website and on our [Facebook Page](#). News, information, and the latest results can be found on the [THORL](#) website. Links to other HO Clubs and Organisations can be found in the LINKS page of the website.

If you would like to be involved with THORL or would like more information or advice on HO Scale Slot cars, please get in touch.

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