

Welcome to this edition of our exclusive FSW Weekly.

We have a new name for kit builders this week, at least as far as the range is concerned.

Evrat have released several Bugatti kits, made in very small quantities but the parts themselves are made by a name that will be familiar, Christian Gouel of **CG Models/SLM 43**. Other kits in a rather different style this week come from **Tamiya** with highly detailed parts for the Ferrari FXX-K and a re-issue of the Martini-sponsored Alfa Romeo 155 V6 ITC racer. We have a rare 1:12 release from **TrueScale** with the 1991 Le Mans winning Mazda and this we look at alongside several new 1:43s. Hand built, we see a fine creation of Stirling Moss's winning Lister Jaguar from Silverstone in 1958 by **Renaissance**. For those looking for something a little different, there's a well-appointed motorhome from **Neo!** And finally from **Spark** we have several new releases with a Giro d'Italia winner, several Le Mans entries, a range of road cars and some interesting F1 machines.

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Bugatti T37A



Evrat 1:43 Kit

Bugatti T37A 1929

Alternative version [EVR43008](#) T35B

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Lister Jaguar Knobbly



Renaissance 1:43 Hand Built

Lister Jaguar Knobbly 1st Silverstone 1958

Kit available [REN4319B](#)

Stirling Moss was contracted to Aston Martin for sports car races in 1958 but with their absence from the British GP meeting at Silverstone he instead guested for Lister. It was a successful outing with a flag to flag victory for Moss. Renaissance's model captures the shape of the car very well and there are some very neat details such as the oil cooler in the front intake, the additional scoop on top of the nose and the etched trim around the blister in the windscreen. The paint finish has a deep gloss, the decals are carefully placed and the interior looks very welcoming.

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Mazda 787B



TrueScale 1:12 Diecast

Mazda 787B 1st Le Mans 1991

Mazda's Le Mans winning 787B is a good looking subject in any scale but in 1:12 makes a particularly impressive piece. The main orange and green are neatly masked and painted here with the white dotted line decals carefully applied along the colour joins. The headlight covers on our sample have a slight gap on the top edges but are perfectly clear and fit well around the lower edges and sides. Slightly disappointing at this scale is that the front splitter and rear diffuser are simply painted rather than carbon decalced, although there are hints of carbon elsewhere and the car is modelled as it has been restored, with no decals on the front wheel cooling discs, although these are present in most race photos. The model is delivered with the rear wing element, mirrors and aerials all bagged up for safety in transit and these are simple to fit, the etched rear wing support needing to be gently pinched between the locating tabs on the bottom of the main element before springing back to hold it and the other parts having snug location holes.

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Oreca Swiss Hy Tech-Hybrid



Spark 1:43 Hand Built

Oreca Swiss Hy Tech-Hybrid Le Mans 2011 #5

In amongst their current subject matter, Spark are still finding subjects otherwise missed by the diecast makers from recent runnings of the Le Mans 24 Hours. This Oreca marked a first and a last (for now) at Le Mans. The innovation was that this was the first prototype category car to run a hybrid drivetrain, while the race also saw the final drive at Le Mans for Jan Lammers. Unfortunately, the technology let the car down and its race was short and featured many pit stops. The livery is neatly reproduced with a mix of satin black and carbon texturing contrasting with the clean white paint and very vivid green striping.

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Bugatti T18



Evrat 1:43 Kit

Bugatti T18 Le Mans 1912

The first of a handful of 5-litre Type 18s built, chassis 471 represented Bugatti honours in the first ever race at Le Mans in 1912 and also at Mont Ventoux the same year. It is the Le Mans version that we concentrate on here, the car being fitted with a streamlined cowl over the radiator. The majority of the kit parts are cleanly cast in white metal, with the bodywork in several pieces, and there is fine photo-etch for the drive chains and the radiator grille. An important piece of Bugatti history and limited to just 30 examples.

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Ferrari FXX-K



Tamiya 1:24 Plastic Kit

Ferrari FXX-K 2015

Accessory set available [TAM12668](#) etched parts & [TAM12669](#) carbon decals

Ferrari unveiled their new 2015 customer track machine at their Ferrari World Finale in December 2014 on the Abu Dhabi circuit and it is this launch car which Tamiya have based their model on. The bodywork is moulded in multiple sections and beneath this you will be assembling a full chassis with plenty of engine and suspension detail. A two-tone paint finish is needed and masks are provided for the windows during this process, the rest being relatively simple masking with bright silver decals to cover the join. Some mesh is included to cut for grilles but a better option would be to go for the etched set for the kit and with the amount of exposed chassis and the nature of the car, the carbon set is really a must too.

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GMC Motorhome



Neo 1:43 Resincast

GMC Motorhome 1976 White/Grey

Launched in 1973, the GMC Motorhome used the big block V8 and front wheel drive from the Oldsmobile Toronado mounted in a low floor chassis which was available in two different wheelbases, clothed with an aerodynamic body. It is the longer version that we see here and looking in through the larger windows the interior looks very well appointed indeed with proper armchairs and a sofa in the front saloon, full kitchen and at the rear the bedroom is in daytime format with benches either side and a table in the middle. Externally there are air-conditioning coolers on the roof and a fine etched ladder and roof rails. The two tone-paint finish is separated with neat pinstripes and the fit of all of the windows is excellent.

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Ligier JS P2 HPD



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Ligier JS P2 Le Mans 2015 #31 Extreme

Alternative version [SPK4647](#) #30

With sponsorship from Rolling Stone magazine and a livery featuring complex fine white stripes swirling over a deep gloss black base, this is one of those subjects that is as much about the livery as the result. There's a fade to some of those stripes and this has been achieved using a fine pixilation on the decal. It is far subtler when looking at the model with the naked eye than photos of the model may suggest.

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Porsche 911 Carrera RSR



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Porsche 911RSR 6th Le Mans 1975 #69

Although entered under the banner of Swinford Motors, this was a Charles Ivey run machine and with a very experienced driver line-up of Cooper, Faure and 'Burllys', finished a very respectable sixth overall and second in GT at Le Mans. Harley Davidson features prominently as a sponsor and the decals are all neatly placed. There is a mismatch of the blue between the roof and the bumpers, the latter being much lighter, and it is hard to see whether this is correct or not from race photos due to lighting.

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Benetton B194 Ford



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Benetton B194 Monaco 1994 Lehto

Alternative version [SPK4481](#) Schumacher [SPK4483](#) Verstappen & [SPK4484](#) Herbert

Monaco was the first race after the deaths of Senna and Ratzenberger at Imola and was an emotionally charged affair. While Schumacher annihilated the track record in qualifying and won the race at a canter, JJ Lehto in the other Benetton struggled on the tight circuit, starting seventeenth but eventually battling through to seventh in the race. The basic shape of the car looks pretty good and we see finely detailed suspension. The sponsorship will need to be completed with easily found decals and you may find race photos helpful here.

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Theodore TY01



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Theodore TY01 4th Long Beach 1982 Tambay

Alternative version [SPK4315](#) Daly & [SPK4316](#) Surer
There are quite a number of differences between the versions of the Theodore modelled by Spark and here we see the car as it made its race debut, Patrick Tambay scoring the team's only point of the season around the streets of Long Beach. The rear wing is sitting a little high for this race but the main body shape looks good and the front wing, mounted above the nose, is very neatly done. The paint finish is excellent on our sample and decals are well placed.

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Toyota 92CV



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Toyota 92CV Le Mans 1992 #34 Kitz

Alternative version [SPK2368](#) #35 Nisso

Toyota had five cars at Le Mans in 1992, three of the TS010s and two 92CVs, based on the older 90CV but with plenty of power from the turbocharged engine. This very good looking SARD-run machine had a handy driver line-up of Irvine, Elgh and Ratzenberger but pit delays to address clutch and transmission problems dropped them to ninth at the final flag. The model has a very neat two-tone paint finish and the blue paint matches the sponsor decals perfectly. The windows all fit neatly and logos are all carefully placed. Very pretty.

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Triumph Dolomite Sprint



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Triumph Dolomite Sprint 1973 White

Another fine example of why the British motor industry all but disappeared. The Triumph Dolomite Sprint was powerful, comfortable, good looking and well-priced, but poor build quality on the engine and disinterested BL management oversaw a missed opportunity. This a subject that your reviewer is extremely familiar with (I can remember most of the spanner sizes even after over 25 years!) and the shape looks very good, as is the fit of the vinyl roof and C pillar trims. The wheels on our sample here are correctly moulded but the painting hasn't quite worked, so they look a little odd, but were fine on the first version released a couple of years ago so this is hopefully an isolated error.

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Porsche 935



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Porsche 935 1st Giro 1979 #592 Momo

With the disqualification of the factory Lancias for using motorways to travel between stages, the Porsche of Gianpiero Moretti was declared the winner on the Giro d'Italia. The car is modelled as it appeared in the competitive stages with a deep front air dam, but in the case there is also an RSR-style bumper fixed to the base just ahead of the model and presumably fitted for the road sections, which is an unusual touch. The main model is well finished and from the photos that we've been able to find the decals look to be accurately placed.

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Aston Martin DB3S



Spark 1:43 resincast

Aston Martin DB3S Le Mans 1955 #24

Alternative version [SPK2420](#) #23 & [SPK2422](#) #25
Aston Martin's three car team at Le Mans enjoyed mixed fortunes and this car, driven by Roy Salvadori & Peter Walker retired with engine failure. The basic shape of the car looks good and the paintwork and decals are all neatly done, with the correct blue flashes on the front wheel arches. As with previous DB3S models from Spark, the unusual style of wire wheel fitted to these cars hasn't quite been captured.

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Ford Mustang Shelby GT350H



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Ford Mustang Shelby GT350H 1966

Probably the most desirable of all of the Mustangs, the original Shelby was a true road racer, equally at home as a daily driver or in club competition. In a genius marketing deal, car rental giant Hertz ordered 1000 cars, finished in black with gold stripes, and these could be rented by members of an exclusive Hertz Sports Car Club, many of whom used them as race cars on the weekend. In profile the model looks slightly long and low but we can't quite put a finger on one major proportional discrepancy and it is still instantly recognisable. The window frames are printed onto the acetate glazing allowing for very thin sections and the overall finish is the standard that we expect from Spark.

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Audi Q3 RS



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Audi RS Q3 2015

In RS form, Audi's baby SUV has a whopping 335bhp hitting the road through its four-wheel drive system and is a very lively performer indeed. Spark have opted for a fashionable matt dark metallic grey as a finish for their model and it gives the effect of suggesting that the chunky machine is hewn from granite. The paintwork also helps to show off the very crisp panel engraving, making for a convincing model.

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Aston Martin Vantage V8



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Aston Martin Vantage V8 Le Mans 2015 #96

Alternative version [SPK4675](#) #98

Of the five Aston Martins entered for the 2015 Le Mans race, two were in GTE Am and they wore extremely similar Gulf liveries. This car's race ended in the wall with a heavy impact after it had been clipped by the leading Porsche in the Karting Esses. The model matches photos of the car from the start of the race very well with a typically good paint finish and most of the decals very neatly applied. Our sample had a couple of small bubbles in the sun visor, but otherwise all is good.

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Spice SE87C Ford



Spark 1:43 Resincast

Spice SE87C Le Mans 1988 #121 Swiftsure

This colourfully decorated, ex-works Spice had benefitted from a bit of diet before Le Mans and though externally it looked the same as the other Fiero-powered chassis in the race, it was 60kgs lighter. The car qualified third in C2 but failed to finish due to clutch failure. The decoration is neatly replicated with what appears to be tampo-printing for the blue tail of the car, a fine white paint finish and carefully placed decals.

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Cobra Daytona Coupe



TrueScale 1:43 Resincast

Cobra Daytona Spa 1965 #20

Alternative version [TSM154339](#) Monza

TrueScale describe both of these as winners on the display bases but only the Monza car took class victory, Bondurant having to settle for second at Spa due to a bent con-rod leaving the car running on seven cylinders. There were three other class wins during the season though and chassis CSX2601 became the FIA World Champion. The race number on the nose of the Spa car is sitting a little low in its roundel but otherwise the specific race details all look to be correct from period photos, with small wind-wings on the A-pillars to help bring cooling air into the cabin and the remaining decals neatly-placed.

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McLaren F1 GTR-LM



TrueScale 1:43 Resincast

McLaren F1 GTR-LM 1995

To celebrate their victory at Le Mans, McLaren built six special cars with most of the specification of the racer, but for road use. The most famous is the original prototype 'XP1 LM' and the five customer cars were finished in identical McLaren orange. This model represents one of the 'production' group and is very smartly finished externally. In the cabin we can see the orange central seat has neatly fitted seat belts.

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Porsche 911



TrueScale 1:43 Resincast

Porsche 911 Daytona 1966 #18

In the early days of production, the 911 was neglected by Porsche in competition, with just the occasional rally outing to prove its durability. Daytona in 1966 was the first major circuit race for the car, the entry coming from Atlanta dealer RBM Motors and the reward was a class win. The car was finished in black with a broad white stripe and on our sample that strip is unfortunately not quite straight in the front, something that is hopefully a one off.

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Nissan Skyline RS Turbo Silhouette



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Nissan Skyline Le Mans 1995 #23

Alternative version [TSM154343](#) #22

For the pair of Skylines entered at Le Mans in 1995, there were very different race strategies, this example with Hoshino, Suzuki and Kageyama on board charged with setting as fast a pace as possible to try and break the class opposition. It ran consistently in the top ten but then ironically retired with a broken gearbox. The model is well proportioned and has an excellent two-tone red and white paint finish. The dark pink rear spoiler and bonnet stripe are neatly applied as decal and the numerous small sponsors appear to be accurately placed.

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Lotus 99T Honda



TrueScale 1:43 Resincast

Lotus 99T San Marino 1987 Senna

Alternative version [TSM164361](#) Nakajima San Marino & [TSM164363](#) Senna UK

San Marino marked the second race for the Lotus 99T with its innovative active suspension and this time the car was reliable, Senna finishing second in the race having taken pole position in qualifying. The shape of the car looks good and the finish is excellent in the correct yellow. Sponsorship is rather sparse as delivered but some simply found decals will rectify most of this. The only problem is on the reverse of the rear wing which is fitted with a Lotus logo already, but should have the title sponsor instead.

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Buick Roadmaster Riviera Coupe



TrueScale Collection d'Elegance 1:43 Resincast

Buick Roadmaster Riviera Coupe 1949 Blue

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In 1949 Buick gave their Roadmaster series its first post-war update and this included a few styling cues which would become a familiar sight on their products for a number of years. Most famous of these are the 'VentiPorts' on either side of the hood, an idea introduced by stylist Ned Nickles who had installed a similar design on his own road car, only his had amber lights inside which lit with each spark plug to give the impression of stub exhausts! There were no lights on the production cars, just neat chrome trims and these are applied as etch on the model. There is a mix of etch and foil for the window frames and the remaining extensive brightwork is neatly applied as plated parts. The overall finish is very good and the completed model is presented on a cream leatherette base.

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