

The Iso Story

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go over the bumps better, because the front wheels were free to float.

This was all well and good, because at the time we were running at a place called Ridge Raceway. It seems that when the owners of Ridge Raceway set up their King track, nobody told them slot cars were supposed to race on it. So, using their imagination, they came up with a perfect 1/24 scale model of Cape Kennedy, complete with three or four separate launch ramps.

Da Flash figured this iso frame would work sano there, and started to thrash on one as soon as he got home from Germany. Well, he never got it finished in time, but showed up at the raceway to watch the pro race anyway.

After the race, he pulled his iso frame out of his coat pocket and everyone immediately broke out in laughter. The comments ran from Ed Sohl's, "It'll launch!" to my own, "It'll never get contact because the motor's torque will pull the guide out of the slot."

After everyone stopped laughing, Boltizar picked himself up off the floor, we started to really look at the frame.

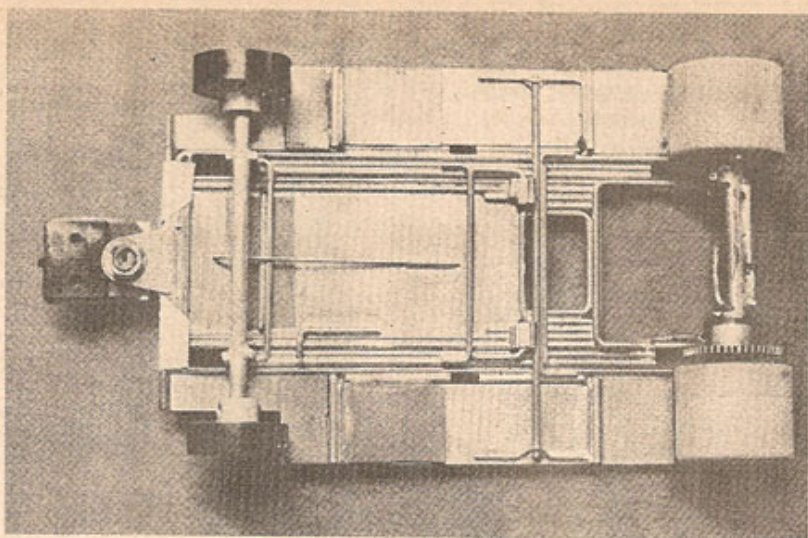
Since Da Flash is in no way a chassis builder, he modified an old Boltizar plumber on the chassis plate frame. He bent a big "U" out of .063" wire, which he soldered to the back of the arm and the center section in front of the motor. He then cut the main rails in half, right behind the drop arm hinge. This gave him a frame with the motor cage and arm solid with the plumber and front half of the rails hinged on the drop arm.

Since school was starting, Da Flash gave the frame to Rick Boltizar to set up and test. Rick left it in this box until the monthly pro race in Woodbury, about a month later. Not really having much faith in the frame, he set it up as a thrash car for the race. It actually was a missile and handled super until Rick tried to punch it around a square donut and chipped the frame on a wall.

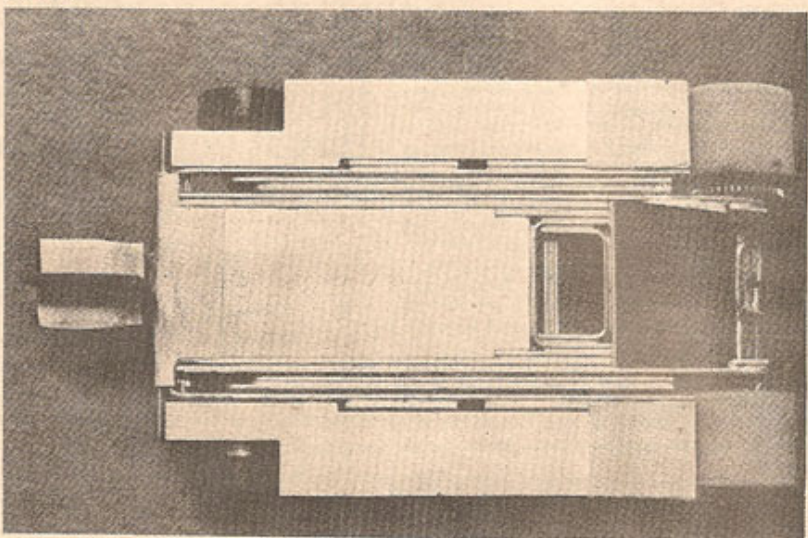
Rick must have been pretty impressed with the frame, because two weeks later he built one to run at one of the Berwyn pro races. Rick's frame was good enough for the pole but was a bit too light and only managed a second to Sohl's standard plate frame.

By that time, Sohl and I had each built one, and we tried ours at the weekly Buzzy's pro race. Sohl's slimed a

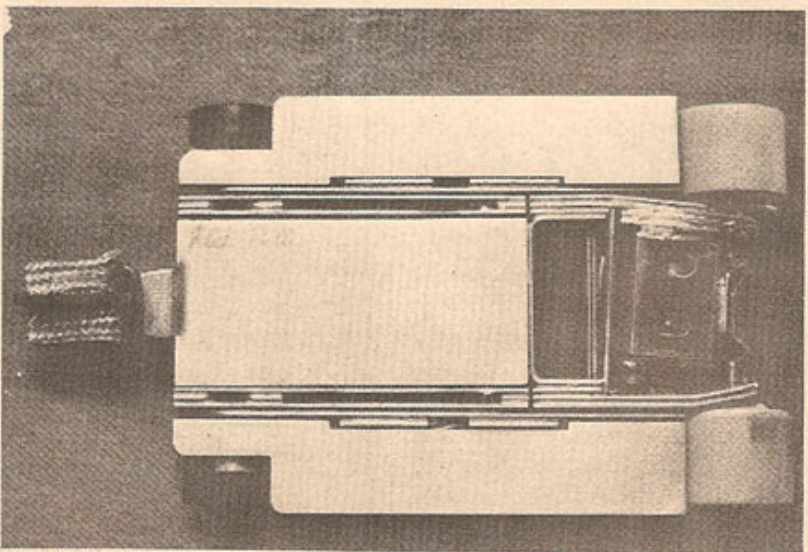
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