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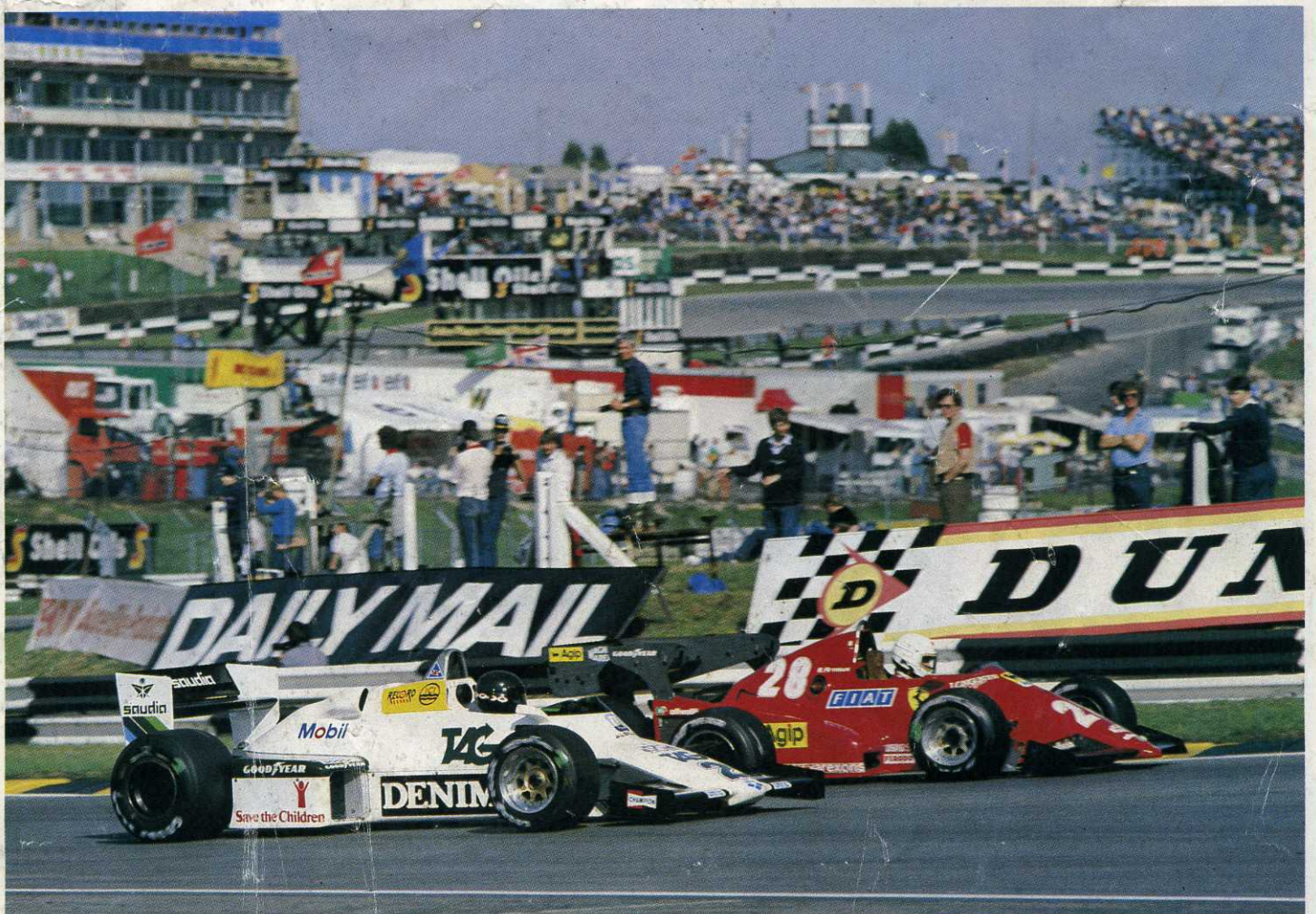
SCALEXTRIC®

Model Motor Racing

All to fit within an area of 8 ft. x 4 ft. (Except Plan 3/2)

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Introduction

Only the fortunate few will ever get the opportunity to drive a real racing car round a real racing circuit.

For over 25 years, Scalextric Model Motor Racing has provided the means for the rest of us to enjoy this exciting sport in our own homes.

Just like real ones, the cars have tremendous speed and acceleration and you should get the feel of them before you really 'put your foot down'. Start slowly and gradually work up speed, particularly round the bends. The way to take a corner is to 'coast' into it and then accelerate to get your tail round in order to burst off up the next straight. With experience (*and it soon comes*) you can 'drift' round a bend, flick your tail round and do all the things that drivers of real racing cars do.

Remember that model motor racing is not like a train which can be set to run at a fixed speed. You have to 'drive' model racing cars round the track, requiring skill and split-second judgement. This is where the fun lies.

But not only can we practise our skills at speeding round the track. We also have the fun of designing and building our own track circuit.

This booklet has been produced to give some ideas and suggestions on how to do this and to get the maximum variety of circuits within the sort of space available in most modern homes.

Do read the tips on circuit building on pages 20/21.

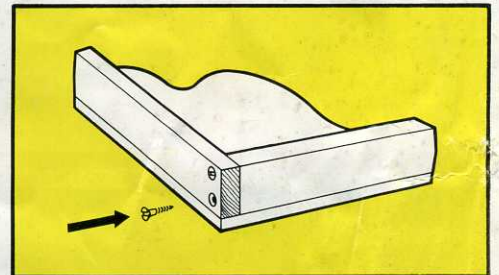
We hope you and your friends will have many hours of competitive fun with this thrilling sport—and sport it is, because we have tried to reproduce as many of the aspects of real motor racing as we can.

Baseboards

Whilst Scalextric track can successfully be laid out on any reasonably flat surface, the most practical way of building a circuit that doesn't have constantly to be taken apart is to use a baseboard.

All the circuits in this booklet are designed to fit on a baseboard of 250 × 125 cms. (8' × 4') or smaller. 13 mm (1/2") thick Blockwood is a good material to use as it is light and strong. It is suggested to make a frame to go round the edges on the underside to minimise 'whipping'. 50 × 25 mm (2" × 1") softwood battening is suitable for this.

With the circuit lightly fixed to the baseboard, it can easily be leaned up against a wall when not in use.



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The exciting photo captures the atmosphere during the John Player Grand Prix of Europe at Brands Hatch in Sept. 1983. Car No. 2 (*nearer*) is the Williams FW 08C of J. Laffite and car No. 28 the Ferrari 126 C3 of R. Arnoux.



