

Shadow race cars

The August 1969 cover of Road and Track had the striking Shadow as its cover. That really reinforced my enthusiasm for motor racing as I had just attended my very first race, the 1969 Can-Am at Mosport. The Shadow tried several things which weren't common at the time: underbody aerodynamics, minimal suspension travel, side-mounted radiators, reclined driving position, clutchless gear shifting, obsession with small frontal area (the driver had to have his feet splayed to fit in the car and the clutch to get moving was hand operated). The air brakes (the orange pieces) were banned before the car even raced as they were considered movable aerodynamic devices.

The red Shadow I built almost five years ago. At its first race, the 1970 Can-Am it created quite a stir as it was unlike anything else on track. (Were any of you there to see Dan Gurney win subbing for the sadly deceased Bruce McLaren? I was at Corner 5 of course.) That version of the Shadow ran into difficulties with the authorities and had to move the radiators out of the wing for the next races.

Both kits are from Silver City Resin. Very nice castings with minimal cleanup and of course the unusual subjects I like. Now no more words here are some photos and thanks for looking.