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T-Shirt Contest Winning 1966 Pontiac GTOs by Steve Lohr

IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature meets at 7:00 PM on the second Saturday of each month at the Algonquin Township Center in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

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Saturday, February 13, 2010

Theme: Racing
Sub-Theme: Chick Flick Cars

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By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

This 6-page preview is a sample newsletter from IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, a model car club that meets once a month in Crystal Lake, Illinois. We meet at the Algonquin Township Center on Route 14 (just east of Route 31) the second Saturday of each month at 7:00 PM. Anyone from the area who wants to see what we're all about should feel free to stop by for the next regular meeting on February 13th. The theme is Racing and the sub-theme will be "Chick Flick Cars."

The full newsletter, 13 pages this month, is available to members and those in the model car industry. For more information on joining the club, or if you work in the model car business and you want to request your name be added to the mailing list for the full version, e-mail Jim Brooks at:

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C.A.R.S. in Miniature

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

You may see the club's name often written with the IPMS prefix, as IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature, which means we are a chapter of the International Plastic Modeler's Society. More information on IPMS USA can be found at <http://www.ipmsusa.org>.

C.A.R.S. in Miniature just wrapped up its 18th year, and as such it's an established club with traditions. One of our most interesting traditions took place at the January Club Banquet, a post-Christmas holiday party, when members voted on the theme model (this year it's Box Art). The winning model is to be incorporated into the next year's club logo by resident artist Joe Salzburg, and the colors of the winning cars become the club colors for the next year, as seen in the newsletter and on the club shirts. The winning models, the GeeTO Tigers built

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by Steve Lohr, will be the a part of the next logo and the club colors will be gold and black for the next year.

Enjoy the preview newsletter, and I hope to see you at a future meeting!

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Upcoming Monthly Themes

Theme	Month	Sub-Theme
	March	
Green with Envy — Green cars		Ugly Cars
	April	
Modern Muscle — Today's muscle cars		
	Fooled By The Box Art (April Fool's Day)	
		Kits that aren't as they appear in the box art or amusing build ideas
	May	
	Auction Night!	
	(no show & tell)	

T-Shirt Contest

Photography by Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor



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T-Shirt Contest

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Club Home Page

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

Earlier this month I created a club homepage at <http://ipmscarsinminiature.carsandracingstuff.com>. This new online home for C.A.R.S. in Miniature has pictures from past meetings, links to manufacturers, hobby shops and IPMS, a list of kit reviews by C.A.R.S. members and a link to the club's Facebook profile. Also available are "sample copies" of the newsletter so that you can pass those along as advertisements for the club while the full version is retained as a benefit of membership.

This new online home will not only be a great resource for C.A.R.S. members, but also serve as a bit of advertising for the club, as those who stumble upon the club's page through Google or through my own site see what the club is all about.

Part of being a public "storefront" or "billboard" for the club is a message board, which anyone can read but only current C.A.R.S. members can post to. So post something, keep it positive, and hopefully prospective new members can see what a good group we have!

To make it all better, I need your help. The foundation has been set, but now I need more information. Got a favorite hobby shop or online dealer? E-mail me at admin@carsandracingstuff.com!



A Year of Pontiac

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

For C.A.R.S. in Miniature members, Pontiac will be an important part of 2010. Pontiac is in the automotive news as the brand winds down to its demise and prepares to join Oldsmobile in history. Steve Lohr's pair of '66 GeeTO Tiger GTOs just won the T-Shirt Contest and will be featured in the 2010 C.A.R.S. in Miniature logo and shirts (as well as this month's Parts Tree). At the end of July, C.A.R.S. will set up a model car show in conjunction with Indian Uprising, which is one of the world's biggest all-Pontiac car shows, so the brand will feature prominently in the show and the club's work will be seen by a huge gathering of Pontiac aficionados.

What great timing it is to go to Indian Uprising with GTOs on our backs! Thanks to Steve Lohr and all those that voted for his cars! Hopefully we can get as many members in new shirts as possible there that weekend.

As far as the show goes, while the details are not final, a few are fairly well settled and I wanted to write about something important now while there is still plenty of time to do something about it.

The car show is all-Pontiac, but the model show will be open to any make. There just isn't enough variety in Pontiac model kits to pull off a successful all-Pontiac model show. However, we are doing a model show at one of the biggest gatherings of die-hard Pontiac enthusiasts imaginable. Quite simply, it would be a little embarrassing to show off to that crowd tables full of Fords, Mopars, and Euro imports surrounding a few lonely Pontiacs. Since we aren't going to exclude any models, I'd like to ask the club instead to consider our "target audience" and voluntarily increase the number of Pontiacs on the tables.

If you have any Pontiac models that haven't seen the light of day lately, this would be a good time to bring them back out. Not only will the average show-goer appreciate them, but many of the Indian Uprising spectators may never have even been to a model car show before. What's old stuff to you and your buddies in the hobby will be all-new to a lot of people at this show.

I know folks already have prior commitments to family or to other car shows that weekend. Please, if you have some Pontiac models you've built and you can't make it to our show, find someone else in the club who is going to the show (and someone you trust with your models) and send your cars!

For those who don't have old Pontiacs in their collection, I'd like to suggest (and this is why I'm writing so

far in advance) building one. Or three. While there isn't a huge selection of Pontiacs available to build, I did put together a list of some of the ones I've seen that will hopefully give you a few ideas:

Concept

Banshee (Revell)

Street

Bonneville: 1960 convertible (Trumpeter), 1965 convertible (AMT Presige), 1970 convertible with boat/trailer combo (AMT/Model King)

Catalina: 1962 421SD (AMT)

Fiero: 1985 (MPC)

Firebird: 1968 400 (Revell), 1978 (3 in 1 by Revell), 1997-1998

Grand Prix: 1990 (Revell), 1990 SE (Revell), 1991 (Revell)

GTO: 1964 (Johnny Lightning AMT or a 2 in 1 kit by Revell), 1966 Royal Pontiac ("GeeTO Tiger," this year's T-Shirt Contest winner by Revell or the new Revell Muscle kit), 1969 Judge (Monogram), 1972 (AMT), 2004 (Johnny Lightning AMT or Polar Lights prepainted)

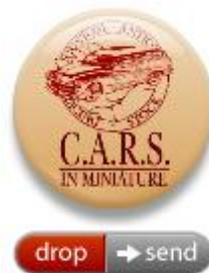
Trans Am: 1977 "Smokey & The Bandit" (AMT), 1997 (AMT SnapFast)

Racing

NASCAR: Michael Waltrip's Pennzoil #30 (Monogram), Kyle Petty's Peak Antifreeze #42, Neil Bonnett's Valvoline #75, and of course various years of The King Richard Petty's STP #43

Drag Racing: 1970's Grand Prix funny car (resin body by Mike's Scale Speed Shop), 1998 Firebird Prostock "Match Racer" (Revell/Model King), 2000's Grand Am funny car (resin body by Mike's Scale Speed Shop). Also, Mike's Scale Speed Shop has decals for Arnie Beswick's Judge, Super Judge, and Mystery Tornado.

I will have at least two contributions, a 1990 Grand Prix and a 1991 Grand Prix. If I have time and I can find the parts, I have an idea for a GTO I'd like to put together.



Add and send the 2009 C.A.R.S. in Miniature logo on Pieces of Flair on Facebook! 2010 logo coming soon!

Upcoming Events

19th Annual Model Car & Toy Show & Swap Meet

Sponsored by Southwest Wisconsin Auto Club, Inc.

February 7, 2010

Baymont Inn & Convention Center

Highway 151

Belmont, WI

Admission: \$2, under 12 free with paid adult

Information: Steve Swift (608)762-5605

55th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show

Sunday, February 28, 2010 — 9:00am to 2:00pm

DuPage County Fairgrounds

2015 West Manchester Road

Wheaton, IL

Admission: \$5

Information: Past-Time Hobbies, (630)969-1847

Cedarville Toy Show and Model Car Contest

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Jane Addams Community Center

430 W. Washington St.

Cedarville, IL 61013

Theme: Cannonball Run Cars

Scott Baldauf scootersmalibu@netscape.net

Milwaukee NNL 18

Saturday, April 10, 2010 — 3pm to 9pm

The Excellence Center Waukesha

N4W22000 Bluemound Road

Waukesha, WI 53186

Theme: Back to the 50's (vehicles 1963 and older, featuring traditional rods & customs)

Sub-theme: 18 Wheelers

Information: mdowd@wi.rr.com / scottiek1@charter.net

30th Annual Miniature Vehicle Collectors' Swap Meet and Model Car Contest

Presented by Hoosier Model Car Association

Saturday, May 1, 2010 — 9am to 4pm

First Church of the Nazarene

9401 East 25th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46229

Swap Meet \$2 (under 12 free)

Contest Entry \$3 first model, \$1 each additional model

22 judged classes, several best of awards and a theme award. The theme for 2010 is "Cars of the 30's". \$50 cash prized to best in show winner, \$50 cash drawing for all contest entrants.

Contact Information:

Swap meet: Dave Williams indyhmca@hotmail.com

Contest: Duane Tripp DCT2136@aol.com

2nd Annual Attack of the Plastic

Hosted by The Butchers Model Car Club

Sunday, July 11, 2010 — 10:00am to 3:00pm

American Legion Hall

111 South Second Street

Delevan, WI

Admission: \$2, Models: \$1

Held in conjunction with The Cars that Time Forget Car Show in downtown Delevan

Indian Uprising All Pontiac Weekend with C.A.R.S. in Miniature Model Show

July 31 to August 1, 2010

DuPage Expo Center

North Avenue

St. Charles, IL

http://www.cruisintigersgo.com/SN_show_next_info.htm

GTR Summer NNL

Sunday, August 8, 2010 — 9:30am to 2:00pm

Algonquin Township Center

3702 US Highway 14

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Theme: Eurocars

Show admission: \$5, includes pizza & unlimited models

Free "trunk sale" swap meet

More information: <http://gtrautomodelers.freeservers.com>

