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The newsletter of IPMS/C.A.R.S. in Miniature of Northern Illinois

Now enjoying our 18th year!

December 2009
Preview Edition

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1970 Dodge Challenger R/T by Kim Gablesen

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.

Next Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2010

2010 T-Shirt Theme: Box Art

CLUB BANQUET — More information on Page 2

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Preview Edition

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

This 5-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. January's meeting is the annual Club Banquet for members, but anyone from the area who wants to see what we're all about should feel free to stop by for the regular meeting on February 13th.

The full newsletter, 11 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:

carsinminiaturemodelclub@gmail.com

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 will take place at the January Club Banquet, a post-Christmas holiday party, when members vote on the theme model (this year it's Box Art). The winning model is incorporated into the next year's club logo by resident artist Joe Salzburg, and the colors of the winning car become the club colors for the next year, as seen in the newsletter and on the club shirts. 2009's logo car was built by Steve Lohr, and you can see him and the club shirt that bears his colors on Page 4 (the full logo is on the back of the shirt).

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

More information on the club can be found at <http://ipmscarsinminiature.carsandracingstuff.com/>



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When Only Plastic Will Do

By Bill Crittenden, Newsletter Editor

Much to the consternation of the traditional model builder, die cast cars offer top-quality instant gratification at reasonable prices. The precision crafted versions of cars by such brands as AUTOart, Lincoln Mint and GMP are often built to standards that the average modeler just can't reach. We've all heard before that it's one of the reasons the hobby is dying, and there's not much of anything any modeler can do to stop it.

I admit I own many more die cast cars than plastic kits, thanks to an extensive collection of Action NASCAR pieces. No where is the model business hurting more than in the once-thriving stock car racing segment. The time and skill required to properly build one of these kits, when compared to the purchase price of a modern die cast, just doesn't seem worth it.

Another thing we've heard, especially those of us who hang around John Walczak, is that unless we get the younger generation involved in model building the hobby will die off. So how do we get kids, who have hundreds of new entertainment options that weren't available in the golden years of model car building, interested in sitting down at a table and spending hours to build a plastic model?



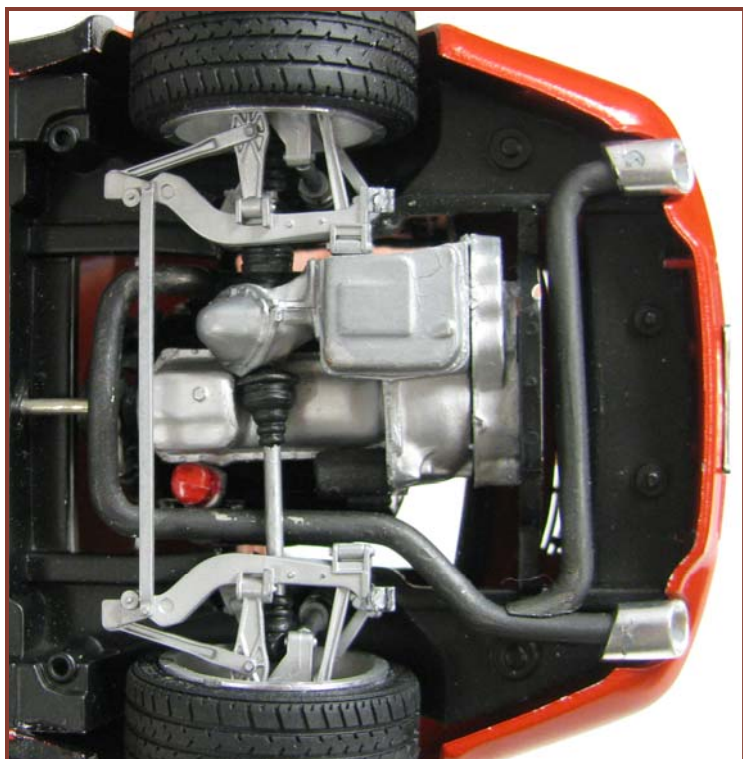
Inspiration came from telling an 18-year old about one of the models I saw Doug DeMars bring to the meeting a few weeks ago. It was a red Porsche 911, but I noticed when I was taking a picture of it that it had an engine where the back seat should be. It was also not a Porsche flat-six, it's intake came up to just below the rear glass. It was a Chevrolet 427, mid-mounted, and connected to the rear wheels by a transaxle from an Oldsmobile Toronado.

I imagine such a chunk of metal added to the car



would upset the precise handling that Porsche is known for, but that's beside the point. I realized that with a little imagination, some glue and perhaps a little heat, a modeler can put together parts that just weren't ever intended to be on the same car. And that's something that you just can't do with die cast. Go ahead, try to find a red Porsche 911 with a 427 engine from any die cast producer.

The ease of working in plastic allows anyone with patience to be a desktop Chip Foose. We can indulge our imaginations and show our results to the world without all the expense of real cars and a full-size shop to build them in. That's something that should appeal to the average teenager, who probably doesn't own a shop. Or a car.

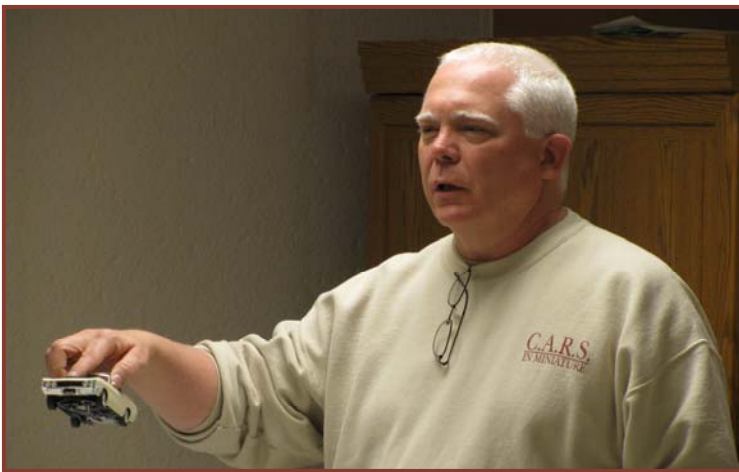


Show & Tell

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Above: Fred Lorenzen '57 Chevrolet by Bob Deneen
Right: Nick Gregory
Below: President Steve Lohr



Right: Joe Salzburg
Below: Chuck Herrmann



More pictures can be seen at
<http://ipmscarminimature.carsandracingstuff.com/carsinminiature200912.php>

Upcoming Events

Classic Plastic

Hosted by Rockford Wheels in Scale
 Sunday, January 24, 2010, 9am - 3pm
 Ken Rock Community Center
 3218 11th Street
 Rockford, IL 61108

General admission free. The early bird admission is \$10. Swap meet tables are available for \$10 dollars. There will be 50+ tables available. Pre-registration is available to guarantee a table. First come first serve. Vendors doors open at 7 AM. Prepaid tables are non-refundable. Contact Dan Myers at dfmyers@aeroinc.net with the subject line "RWIS Model Show"

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

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

Presented by Hoosier Model Car Association
 Saturday, May 1, 2010, 9am - 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". Contact Information:
 Swap meet: Dave Williams indyhmca@hotmail.com
 Contest: Duane Tripp DCT2136@aol.com

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 Right: 1972 advertisement from Popular Hot Rodding*



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