



OHIO MINI OWNERS

April 2010

Sometime back in the 1960's, Frigidaire produced an apartment size washer/dryer they called a Skinny Mini. When I googled it, much to my surprise, production was actually started in the '50s and more of a surprise was that it is still being made today. I also found a 1972 add on Ebay.



When I first saw Richard Kraus' new RWD Mini race car in 1996, It reminded me of the Skinny Mini. So that's what I referred to it as.

Here it is compared to Jack Baumbgardner's RWD Mini that is at the max width per the rules.



Here's two photos of the Skini-est Mini of all. You'd only need a motorcycle license to drive it. The perfect car for Twiggy in 1963. She wouldn't fit now, but she would have then. Speaking of which check her out in the You Tube vid of the month on page 8.

The last installment of The Runoffs Minis can be found starting on page 10. Next month I will start a 4 part Mini at the wind tunnel article.



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Airway Road Donato's Pizza - Page Manor

04/20 - COMO MEETING

Tommy's Pizza - Columbus

05/15 - British Car Meet at the Market

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06/18-06/20 - Mini Meet North

Mosport International Raceway

<http://www.minimeetnorth.com/>

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Penticton, B.C.

<http://www.minimeetwest.com/>

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The Schister Center, Knockemstiff, OH

http://www.schistercente_knockemstiff.htm

07/1-07/03 Mini Meet East

Fairborn, OH

<http://mme2010.com>

10/10-10/16 Mini 51

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<http://www.classicminis.org/mini50.htm>



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It is our hope and request that you get this information, the artwork and our MC2 magazine logo with our website link (www.mc2magazine.com) into every Mini and MINI website, forum and blog you can possibly help us with on April 1, 2010 please.

As you can see, it's a technological secret that no one has suspected MINI would be able to bring to market so well by 2013. MC2 Magazine is the only news source to break this story.

So, enjoy this critical information a few years ahead of the release date, and tell your friends that MC2 broke this story exclusively on April 1, 2010.

Best wishes for your night time driving, as we should fight for our rights to drive our automobiles when we wish to....

Barry Brazier

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Barry,

I will insert this into the April issue of the Ohio Mini Owners newsletter which will be sent out April 3 to 300 members. I will also forward you a copy.

Charlie Pollet

Editor

OMO News

Charlie, THANK YOU! If you have anything editorial, Peter's in charge of that area. We want to reach out to all the classic Mini owners we can Charlie...

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Page 31 from Issue 25 MC2 Magazine follows. Following that is a copy of a fake page 2 that I attached to the April 2008 (April Fool) issue of the OMO news which I have sent to Barry Brazier, for which he has not read as of today. Please don't take any of this to heart.

April Fool

MC2 Exclusive!

Luminous Safety Tires To Be Offered on 2013 MINIs

New Safety Device Exceeds Euro NCAP Standards

by the MC2 Staff

Always a leader in the world of automotive safety and technology, MINI has announced the development of a nighttime driver safety product that they feel will greatly reduce the nighttime accident rate and allow cars parked in dark areas to be located quickly.

Called the MINI Nighttime Luminous Safety Tyre (NLST), the new safety device will be offered as optional equipment on the new Countryman S, Clubman S and as standard equipment on MINI's newest automotive product, the as yet unannounced MINI Nighthawk, a luxury 12-seat limousine, which will be built in conjunction with the Brazilian automaker, Empreendimentos Loucos, Ltd., and debut in 2013 (MC2 will be covering further developments on this story early next spring).

According to Vilhelm Ungesüßte-Kekse, marketing manager for MINI Special Projects, the NLST exceeds the Euro NCAP safety standards for 2013, which state that all vehicles manufactured after 1 April, 2013 must feature illuminated or reflective materials on the vehicle sides to improve nighttime safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

"Our luminous tires exceed the new NCAP standard by a wide margin, said Ungesüßte-Kekse. "They not only glow out to the sides, but the tires are bright enough that ingress/egress into the vehicle in the dark is now easy. Furthermore, in an emergency situation where the headlamps fail to light, the driver can see well enough from the light of the tires to drive in total darkness at speeds up to 25 mph. Plus, as the tires are also runflat design, drivers need never worry about nighttime blowouts on

lonely country roads."

According to Ungesüßte-Kekse, the development team came up with the idea for nighttime glowing tires after reading an old issue of Life Magazine from 1961 that had an article on Goodyear Light-Tires.

"Of course, the problem with the Goodyear tires was that they used semi-transparent synthetic rubber and the glow was made from super bright light bulbs affixed to the inside of



the rim," says Dr. Hans Leuchtkäfer, head of BMW/MINI's secret development department, the Abteilung von unechten Leistungen. "The safety issues of neon lightbulbs bursting inside the tires were huge, which is why Goodyear stopped the project."

Leuchtkäfer says that the NLST solves the problem by using a blend of synthetic transparent rubber and luminescent neoprene, instead of light bulbs. The luminescence is activated by static electricity, so the tires glow as long as the vehicle is moving. However, should the driver not want the tires to glow for any reason, a grounding device, activated from a stalk on the steering column, cancels out the static charge. And, for nighttime parking in unlit lots and narrow alleys, a small,

static storage battery located in the engine compartment, supplies the static charge to keep the tires lit for up to 12 hours.

"Upon seeing the technological and driver safety advantages of our latest development, it becomes immediately obvious why our work, and even our department, was hitherto unheard of," says Leuchtkäfer. "Now, with the development work of MINI Nighttime Luminous Safety Tyre being completed, we feel that making ourselves and the technology known is important."

In fact, the company believes the work is so important for nighttime driver safety that they are giving away the technology for free to other automotive manufacturers and tire companies after they have had the product on the market for one year.

While it is too early to know if this latest safety device will spur a lot of interest with automotive enthusiasts, a number of European consumer safety groups have already endorsed the product. In fact, the European Union for Nocturnal Safety has issued a press release

praising the new tires, but pointing out that they don't go far enough.

"It's all very well to have luminous tires to enhance nighttime safety, and we applaud MINI for its efforts," said Jaqui Plaines, managing director of the group. "However, these new tires do not meet NCAP safety requirements for 2016, which require all glowing vehicles to also emanate a chirping sound, so that blind people will know a car is crossing in front of them."

Plaines went on to point out that in the view of the European Union for Nocturnal Safety, what really is needed is the development of red/blue flashing tires for emergency vehicle use, as well as the eventual banning of nighttime driving of private vehicles. **MG**

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Spark has issued more new Mini Models. This time a replica of the Team Lotus Gold Leaf Moke towing a Europa and a green Clubman Estate. I had found a photo of the Lotus vehicles, but have misplaced it. Here's one from the Atlas forum.



Spark also issued the John Cooper Racing Transporter.



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This 1989 ad for the Rover Mini 30 Limited Edition features Twiggy and other celebs from the 1960's.



WWW OF THE MONTH

Mini Wheel Directory

A website that list just about every wheel that was ever made for a Mini with photos of each wheel.



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Mad Minis

The crazy world of modified Minis.

by Iain Ayre

Minis have always been a favorite with tuners and modifiers, and in the highly entertaining *Mad Minis*, featuring stunning color photography, Mini World feature writer Iain Ayre takes a unique look at 30 of the craziest modified Minis on the world's roads, from the subtle, through the wacky to the plain mad.

Massively modified Minis - 'Minissan', 'Suicide Chop', 'Turbo Triple Miniac', 'Pooh and Hunny Pot' and 'Belgian Beast'.

Oddball Minis - Mini-based fire engine, Mini-based bus, stretched Mini limo, three-wheelers.

Power-crazed Minis - Twin engines, motorcycle engines, Nissan V6, Honda Vtec, Ford Motorsport V8, Chevy V8 and Mazda rotary power.

Wacky bodies - Convertibles, roofless, 'woody', pick-up, off-roader.

Posh Minis of the past - Bespoke versions by Radford, Ogle and Wolseley.



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Each of the minis featured in *Mad Minis* has a detailed description including the design and evolution of each car, technical specs, driving impressions and owner profiles.

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\$25.51 At Amazon

Stolen from the CMU site. Yes, the first chapter of the book - God save The Clown.

Part 6 2001 - It was the Joe and Doug show once again, but this year, Jimmy Burke out qualified both Minis and led the first 8 laps. Coming out of turn one, Burke got held up just enough by a backmarker, that both Minis were able to easily pass him. Once past, they were able to pull away. Doug was able to keep up with Joe, but wasn't able to get around him. Once again they finished 1 - 2, with Joe having a 2.1 second lead for his second win in two days. Gilcrease came home 5th, Kopley 9th, Phenix 10th, Riley 11th, and Janzen 13th.



2002 - Once again, Joe Huffaker was on the pole and Doug Peterson started in third, with Bill Gilcrease behind Doug in fifth and Ted Phenix following in seventh. So Minis filled the first four spots on the inside at the start. Joe did his usual power start with Doug and Bill following him into the first turn. Joe led all 20 laps and was ahead of Doug by 3.8 seconds at the finish. Bill lost one spot to finish fourth and Ted ended up in ninth. Larry Janzen and Keith Degauque were absent this year, but Keith Maloney, who came every other year, made it back which made for a group of 9 Minis, down from the ten or eleven the past four years.

2003 - As in four out of the past five years, Joe Huffaker would put his Mini on the pole. Doug Peterson lined up beside him this year, instead of behind him. Bill Gilcrease would start in eighth and Jack Baumgardner in ninth. The race started out like a repeat of the past two years with Joe leading Doug, and Bill and Jack both moving up a couple of spots. But then, just as Joe crossed the finish line to complete lap five his Mini slowed. He pulled off at the end of pit road with a broken throttle linkage. On lap eight, Bill pulled into the pits to end his day. Doug went on to win his sixth National Championship and Jack moved up to second to make for another Mini 1 - 2 finish. Ted Phenix brought his Mini home in eighth and the other Ted, Wollesen, would finish tenth, up from his fourteenth starting spot. 2003 Mini count - 8.

2004 - Doug Peterson - 21 races in 19 years with 6 poles and 7 wins.

Joe Huffaker - 18 races in 13 year with 12 poles and 8 wins. 2004 would be the last Runoffs for these two great small bore racers. And they both wanted to go out with a win. Joe would sit on the pole one last time with Doug starting beside him in second. Bill Gilcrease started in 6th place followed by Ted Phenix in 7th, Jack Baumgardner in 8th, Chris Kopley in 10th, and Ted Wollesen in 13th. Joe's bad luck would return, this time just as he was taking the field to the green flag. The diff would let go stranding him on the back straight. Doug went on to lead all 20 laps to win the last GT- 5 National Championship. Baumgardner finished 5th, Gilcrease 6th, Phenix, 9th, Kopley 10th and Wollesen 19th.

Mark Kearney turned his vintage racer into a Limited Prep H Production Mini. He was the first to bring a Mini to the Runoffs in H prod. Mark qualified 20th and was able to move up to 14th by the finish.

2005 - The race cars per race ratio reached a point where the SCCA was forced to combine GT- 5 with GT- 4 to form GT Lite. This would be the first GT Lite Championship race and the last GT Lite Championship race at Mid-Ohio. Only five Minis came to the 2005 race, with Bill Gilcrease being the top Mini qualifier with a 9th place start. Ted Phenix finished in 8th place and Chris Riley finished 14th. Ted Wollesen, Chris Kopley, and Gilcrease all had problems and did not finish.

2006 - Bill Gilcrease and Ted Phenix were the only Mini drivers to make it to Heartland Park Topeka for the 2006 Runoffs. Bill started fifth and just like the first Runoffs at Mid-Ohio, came home second. Ted started



The Fortech, Huffaker, and Gilcrease crews, including Bill and Joe, cheering Doug and Jack at the 2003 finish.

13th and finished 12th.

2007 - Bill Gilcrease and Ted Phenix were joined by Joel Hipp with his new RWD Mini which is a sister car to Jack Baumgardner's Mini. Gilcrease started 8th and finished 8th. Hipp started his first Runoffs in 21st and finished 15th. Phenix started 17th and slipped back to 23rd by the finish.

Jon Becker gave H Production a try with his Limited Prep Mini, qualifying 23rd and finishing 18th.

2008 - The Runoffs would only last three years at Topeka before moving on to Road America in 2009. Bill Gilcrease made his 23rd straight Runoffs start in 11th place and moved up to 4th by the end of the race. Ted Phenix returned to start 18th and finish 10th. Chris Kopley made his first start at HPT starting in 17th and finishing in 12th.

THE END



Chris Riley



Larry Janzen



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2004 - Mid Ohio

<u>Driver</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Start</u>	<u>Laps</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Doug Peterson	GT5	1	2	20	Running	
Jack Baumgardner	GT5	5	8	20	Running	
Bill Gilcrease	GT5	6	6	20	Running	
Ted Phenix	GT5	9	7	20	Running	
Chris Kopley	GT5	10	10	20	Running	
Ted Wollesen	GT5	19	13	17	Running	
Joe Huffaker	Gt5	23	1	0	DNF	
Mark Kearney	HP	14	20	19	Running	

2005 - Mid Ohio

Ted Phenex	GTL	8	12	20	Running	
Chris Riley	GTL	14	24	19	Running	
Ted Wollesen	GTL	18	18	13	DNF	
Chris Kopley	GTL	22	13	3	DNF	
Bill Gilcrease	GTL	24	9	9	DNF	

2006 - Heartland Park Topeka

Bill Gilcrease	GTL	2	5	18	Running	
Ted Phenix	GTL	12	13	13	Running	

2007 - HPT

Bill Gilcrease	GTL	8	8	18	Running	
Joel Hipp	GTL	15	21	17	Running	
Ted Phenix	GTL	17	23	17	Running	
Jon Becker	HP	18	23	16	Running	

2008 - HPT

Bill Gilcrease	GTL	4	11	18	Running	
Ted Phenix	GTL	10	18	18	Running	
Chris Kopley	GTL	12	17	18	Running	

THE END,
for now