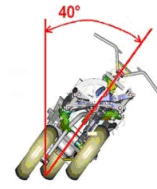


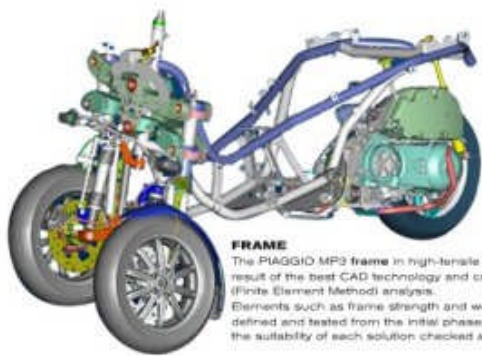
# A LITTLE CAR NEWS



THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS MICRONUTS CAR CLUB IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

OCTOBER 2006 MP3 COMPATIBLE EDITION

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 7:00 @ RUDY'S BARBEQUE ON 360.



**FRAME**  
The PIAGGIO MP3 frame in high-tensile steel tubes is the result of the best CAD technology and computerized FEM (Finite Element Method) analysis. Elements such as frame strength and weight were precisely defined and tested from the initial phases of the project, with the suitability of each solution checked at every stage.



**CYCLE PARTS**  
The innovative parallelgram suspension, an original Piaggio design, is anchored to the frame. The tilt mechanism is composed of four cast-aluminium control arms with four hinges fixed to the central tube and two guide tubes on either side of the parallelgram, connected to the arms via suspension pins and ball bearings. The tubes on the right and left enclose the steering tube in a classic singlearm setup.

Last month, we ran a blurb on the Piaggio MP3 three-wheel, "backwards" scooter. In the meanwhile, we stumbled across this graphic that was too good not to run. You could build a good argument to leave the skin off of it and just run around in the old birthday suit. Here's a link to the factory site for more inside info complete with "rare video clips" you need to watch:

[http://www.mp3.piaggio.com/index\\_eng.html](http://www.mp3.piaggio.com/index_eng.html)

Yep, it's the Aerocar 2. Yep, Dave Major at the controls. And yep, that's a highway in the background. How a major pile up kept from occurring is amazing. Off to the right is a local ABC cameraman shooting the ultimate hair dryer in action. Check out this link to the video: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=9106182399218288433>



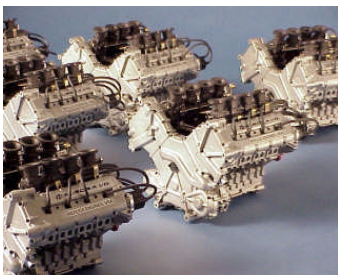
Micronuts' Tuscon, AZ correspondent, Ed Parsil, sends us this bold shot of him cruising under a semi trailer in an FT2.



Here's the perfect gift for that special someone whose backpack is about to blow. The "Hipster" is the ultimate personal trailer that can transform any normal person into a pack mule. And sensibly priced at only \$600 for the single wheel unit, \$800 for the twice-wheeler. This looks like the ticket for the guy who has too much stuff to haul around and never plans on dating for the rest of his natural life. (Receiver option for Isettas and Messerschmitts out in early Spring '07)



Firemarshal Bill keeps looking out for our best interests by sending the link to this [YouTube video](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3VVI6Auvys&NR) of an incredible scale model Hemi. Click on : <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i3VVI6Auvys&NR> and crank the volume up good and loud.

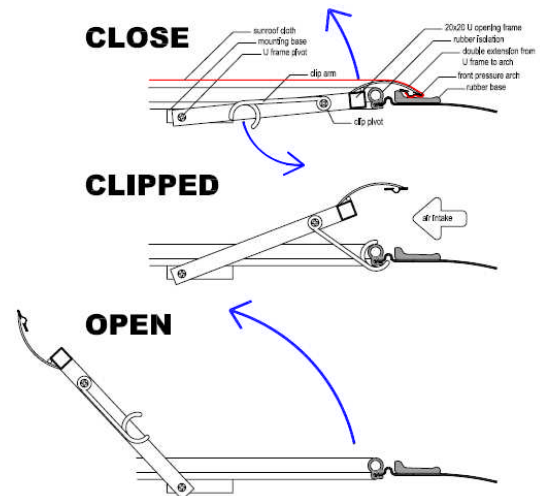


Additional scale engine sites include **Conley Precision** at [www.conleyprecision.com](http://www.conleyprecision.com) and **Replica Engines** at [www.replicaengines.com](http://www.replicaengines.com). Oh well, so much

for keeping Christmas from getting out of hand this year. After all, you can never have too many 1997 Olds Aurora Indy motors laying around.



One more time, Firemarshal Bill shoots us this low-key Vespa 400 off of eBay. The pix say it all.



Claudi Etcheverry from Barcelona, Spain chimes in again for this month's issue with these drawings of his Isetta's sunroof. Being an architect, Claudi cranks out some interesting work and we want to thank him for sharing some of his drawings with us.

You know what? That "Close, Clipped, Open" graphic might make a cool T-shirt. Hey, Robert!



From the Rudy's Barbeque Car Show in September we have this shot of **Robert Mace's green unit** complete with Bubba running a gravity test on his folding chair in the background.



Not too far away from Bubba is Micronut **John Walloce's Lambo Countach** complete with **Melanie Wallace** running a gravity test on *her* folding chair. Below is one of a handful **TriHawk** three-wheelers still in existence.



Here's an aggravating game sent to us by **Wayne Graefen**. You have sixty seconds to park your mini Peugeot without demolishing everything in the lot : <http://www.107.peugeot.co.uk/peugeot.swf>



Here's a sneak peek at the November edition of ALCN thanx to **Gerron Hite**. Stay tuned.



Now that didn't sound good! Better duck out and see what's going on in the garage. If the damage isn't too bad, we'll be back with a staggering November edition for your reading pleasure. In the meanwhile, keep that steady stream of news and pix comin' in. It's still [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com).