

A LITTLE CAR NEWS

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WINTER 2008 TRUCK-TO-ROCKETFLOAT EDITION

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As usual, the end of 2007 saw all sorts of parades. And this year, **Honda** pulled out all the stops with their **22 ton Ridgeline** that can be transformed into a **flame-throwing rocket float**. More pix and news at: <http://www.hondanews.com/> then click on "Rose Parade Float" story from 12/27/07.



Wayne Graefen has come through for us again with a major tip-off to speeders. This is a sneak preview of new speeding cameras that are being set up around the country. This **ATM-marries-machine-gun-and-has-a-baby** unit not only dispenses the usual pic and citation but extensive body work comes with the package now.



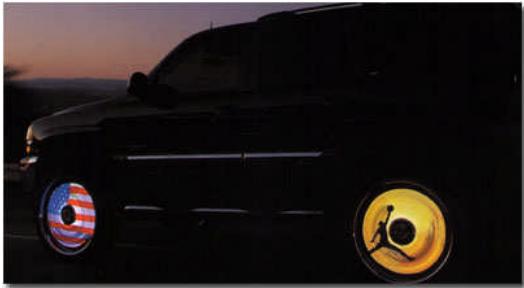
Should you ever want to cruise through your office's hallways, rest assured it's possible without buying an original Peel microcar. **Modern Microcars**, a firm based out of England, specializes in building replicas of Goggomobil Darts, Messerschmitts, Scootacars, Isettas, and, of course, Peels. <http://www.modernmicrocars.co.uk/>



So you thought the flame-throwing rocket float was cool? Orange County Choppers move over! **Chuck Kichline** sent us a few shots of this eye-popper. No info on who built it or who the owner is but so what.



Last issue we reported on the rumored 2010 BMW Isetta. This time around, here's a spy shot of a prototype **Mini Cooper "mule"**. The split windshield is cool but the world doesn't need another Pontiac Aztec.



Well, bad taste just dropped one more level. Now that you've equipped your SUV with every mobile electronic distraction known to modern man, it's time to move the show outside and distract everyone else. This time, it's the **DUB PimpStar** programmable wheel. The folks at Custom Wheel brings us three choices, ranging between \$12,000 and \$16,000 (tires included) to make your Escalade look the way the designers couldn't. And didn't. On purpose. Check it out at:

http://www.customwheel.com/custom_wheels/product_info.php/products_id/1687



We got this shot of a new restoration of an **1957 Isetta US Export slider** from it's proud owner, **Remco Ruitter**. Both Remco and the Isetta come our way from **The Netherlands**. Hopefully, we'll be getting more progress shots as his car gets all buttoned up.



For our last entry, **Wayne Graefen** sent us this blurb on the **Embrio** one-wheeled motorcycle. This baby runs off of a hydrogen fuel cell system. At 12.5 mph, the front "landing gear" retracts and you're in unicycle mode. No mention of being able to juggle bowling pins as a requirement.

More next time. Until then, we could use your news and pix. Just send it along to brucef@austin.rr.com and we'll probably print it ... BF