

A Mini Mystery

For model engine homebuilders

Engine enthusiasts would immediately recognize this radial as a Kinner. But look at its size. This engine is actually a 1/3-scale-size Kinner replica. Among 30 or so scale-model peers in the Attic, it's by far the largest one and the only replica.

Unfortunately, not many details are known about this novelty. Our records show that former EAA member John Karle, president of Karle Carriage Works of St. Joseph, Missouri, donated the engine in 1983. It arrived with all the parts plus a few spare ones, and a note from the donor says, "This is a working model approximately 90 percent complete." There's no mention of who built the miniature (relatively speaking) or why. We may never know who built it, but we can easily speculate that somewhere there's a scale-model airplane aching for a powerplant.

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