

# A LITTLE CAR NEWS

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DECEMBER 2007 RETURN OF THE BMW ISETTA EDITION

**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 7:00 @ FUDDRUCKERS / ANDERSON LANE**

Well, it just wasn't meant to be this year. Or at least not as we've come to expect. Taking the phrase "Don't rain on my parade" to new levels, **Mother Nature** did just that for the **Chuy's Children Giving To Children Parade** the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Many participants wisely chose to stay at home and watch an abbreviated version on TV. However, we'll be back next year for another crack at it. Thanks for all of your emails and phone calls and for staying warm and dry! You were the smart ones.



From this year's "Top 15 Weirdest Work Stories of 2007" list, here's #14:

## WEINERMOBILE GETS COP ROASTED

When a 27-foot-long, 11-foot-tall vehicle - known to most as the **Oscar Mayer Weinermobile** - was slowing traffic in a construction zone in Arizona, an officer ran its "YUMMY" license plate to make sure it was street legal. A bad computer entry erroneously showed the Weinermobile as having stolen plates, forcing the officer to pull it over. After further investigation, the officer learned that the entry should have read that license plate had been stolen - but **only if found on any vehicle that isn't a giant hot dog**. (Courtesy MSN Careers)



And what would this be? How about the **2010 BMW Isetta**? The UK's "Auto Express" magazine offered this very early rendition of what it might look like. **Wayne Graefen** shot us a sister link from *The Winding Road* too. It can be found at: <http://news.windingroad.com/concept-cars/bmw-explores-a-new-take-on-the-isetta-bubble-car/>. The link to the "Auto Express" article is at the end of the article. This might get interesting.



If it's got a propeller, it's got something to do with **Dave Major**. This time, it's the first cousin to Dave's **Aerocar 2**. That would be the Lycoming-powered, baby blue Isetta that wreaks havoc wherever it goes. And now that you've seen the picture, check out the movie:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mQbq1LM8DCo>



Gerron Hite sent us a heads-up on the **BugE Transport**. These cars are available in either kit form or fully assembled. **Just 75 part numbers** and you're on the road. Get yours by checking out their Web site and filling the order form out. It's right here along with all sorts of interesting info:

[http://blueskydsn.com/BugE\\_Concept.html](http://blueskydsn.com/BugE_Concept.html)



In case you haven't already seen this one, here are a couple of shots of the tow bikes that Japanese gendarmes have deployed. Nice fold-up units that be set up in a matter of minutes to tow off those

wayward vehicles. Those Panasport wheels are a nice touch too.



For our last-minute Christmas shoppers, we wanted to pass this tip along that **Chuck Kichline** sent us. Yep, a **DVD rewinder**. Many *ALCN* readers have snapped up must-have items we've mentioned here like the **Bosch Wiring Harness Smoke Refill Cannister** and **Summer-To-Winter Tire Air Conversion Kit** so we didn't want to let this one slip through the cracks. On sale for only \$16.49 at [www.dvdrewinder.com](http://www.dvdrewinder.com). And, yes, T-shirts are available along with several sounds effects and even a link to be notified when new ones come online.



Wrapping up 2007, our long-time pal from Oak Harbor, Washington, **Firemarshal Bill Waite**, sends along this public service announcement for all of you speed-crazed owners of 300cc powered, flame throwin' hot rods. That would be the link to **Speed Trap Exchange**. You can go out there and check notorious spots prior to traveling to another town, add your own G-2 about who's hiding in the bushes around Capitol City and beat speeding tickets using their "simple math" tip. (No aluminum-foil-on-the-radiator nonsense here folks.)

<http://www.speedtrap.org/>

**Have a great Christmas and safe New Year!** We'll do it all over again in January, hopefully on time ... BF