



# A Little Car News

The Monthly Newsletter of the Central Texas Micronuts Car Club in Austin, Texas

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**NEWS FLASH! THE MICRONUTS HAVE A NEW MEETING VENUE STARTING THIS MONTH. WE'RE MOVING THE PROCEEDINGS TO DIRTY'S, AKA MARTIN'S KUM-BAK SERVICE, AT 2808 GUADALUPE. SAME TIME, 7:00, NEW PLACE.**



Dirty Martin's Place has been an Austin landmark since 1926. You editor's Mom used to eat there on Sunday nights back in the mid-40's when the Scottish

Rite Dormitory dining room was shut down. Dirty's is centrally located and is a great place to have our cars parked out front, not to mention a launching pad for a cruise down Guadalupe afterwards. **John Wallace** drove his Isetta over there after the **2004 Chuy's Parade** and wreaked all kinds of havoc with the outside crowd. One guy got up and applauded when John opened the door and climbed out! There's a new fenced patio they've just put in and the freshly-remodeled bathrooms are just lovely. We'll save a seat for you.

"... it's conceivable that raw burger could be propelled onto the lettuce or tomatoes."

For those of you that have heard the Dirty's "patty-making story", this blurb from the *Austin Chronicle* might strike an amusing chord. The link to the "real story" is right *here*:

<http://www.austinchronicle.com/issues/vol18/issue40/food.healthdept.side2.html>

And we'll see you *there*. On June the 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00.



What's the best way to advertise a Micronuts Bleach Burnout & Weenie Roast?



Get **Robert Mace** to make up a Velam bubble sign and park a few Isettas in front of the house!



The Micronuts had a great get-together for the second annual outing. The only thing better than the weather was the crowd. Oh, and **Robert's cooking**. And **Janie Amescua's deviled eggs**. And finally getting a ride in Robert's Isetta which was running like a Swiss, er, German watch. And who made those chocolate chip coconut cookies? Hello.

Thanx again to Robert and his better half, **Wendy Weiss**, for hosting the Burnout again this year.



What the @#%!\*%&@ has this tractor got to do with microcars? Well, it has four wheels (although some look like they only have three from certain angles), an internal combustion engine, a steering wheel, it's goofy looking and (drum roll) **it's the smallest John Deere tractor ever built**. Micronut's roving reporter **Robert Mace** advises *ALCN* that it's a **1944 Model LA**, that cranks out 13.1 horsepower, .4 HP less than an Isetta. Bubba's

pretty sure it has a two-banger which makes the Isetta look even more impressive. As far as the "pull" part goes though, your money is probably a lot better off with this little guy than an Isetta when it comes time to plow up the back forty, yank a few stumps and/or get those cotton seeds punched into the ground.



So they've been laughing at your microcar have they? Lay this one on 'em! **Marco Demartin** has come up with some world-class graphics that include the above monster Isetta, **Jetsetta** (below), stock Isetta and some cool Fiats. Check out the action at [www.kokillo.com](http://www.kokillo.com). Enter the 'html' site, "Portfolio" then "3D Rendering" to get to the cars. The Vespa is cool too.



Might'nt this be a tip-off that the **McDade Watermelon Festival** is upon us? Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. There's plenty of fun to be had including a car show. **Andy Amescua's Isetta** will be there and, hopefully, a few Micronuts' cars too. Both **Andy and Robert Mace** are former winners in their category so here's your chance to join the ranks and have some seed-spittin' fun in the process.



Don't have enough toys? How about this prototype magnetic tricycle? It's about time the dudes cranking this neat stuff out get it on the market. This bad boy uses a 550cc motorcycle engine supplemented by an electromagnetic motor at each of the three, hubless wheels. A French motorcycle manufacturer produced this rendering based on a Finnish design student's composite which was inspired by the combination of a motorcycle and Formula One car.



How did **Warren Kodosky's Amphicar** land on a 37¢ US Postage stamp? Easy. If you go out to [www.stamps.com](http://www.stamps.com) and click on the "Photo Stamps" link, you can

upload a pic of your car, mother-in-law, Mexican Hairless, etc. and get yourself some custom-made stamps. A single sheet of 20 will run you \$16.99. And they're legal! Check it out.



From our **Something-For-Everyone** file, we have two **Pro Street wheel chairs** from

the *Monster Garage* viewer submissions section. More proof that if it rolls, someone will figure out how to make it roll a whole lot faster.



What does *this* have in common with ...



*this*? If you said "**They're both Stationettes**", you're right! This was one of several proto cars designed and built by **James V. Martin**, a pioneer engineer, designer and aviator. This car was shown at the World Motor Sports Show in Madison Square Garden in 1954 and walked off with the Grand Prix award. Unfortunately, it never saw production. Target MSRP was \$1,000.

The Stationette in the top pic went for \$3.75 US.



Keep cool this summer by keeping all of the cool pix and microcar news to [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com). See you again around July 1 with the **Big Bottle Rocket Edition**.