



# A Little Car News

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

March 2004 Edition

*Next Micronuts meeting is Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Turn off that MIG welder, grab a knife and fork and join us at Rudy's Barbeque on Loop 360 @ 7:00 PM.*



This month puts us just a little closer to warmer Spring weather. **Robert Mace** has suggested that we get together at his place in the near future for a cookout and cruise. Bubba's been scooting' around the Lone Star State on business and has had the Texas legislature running him ragged but he's in the process of picking out a date, probably in April, when we usually have outstanding weather. Film at 11:00.



**Terry Sayther** chimed in on getting everyone together for a **cruise and rendezvous at Dirty's** on Guadalupe in the near future as well.



Anyone notice that **food is always involved?** You gotta have a **Dirty's OT Special and rings.**

After all, you need to put it up on the lube rack every 50,000 miles whether you need to or not. We'll have some dates for these events in the April edition.

The Micronuts were honored by the presence of a new face at the February meeting. That would be **Warren "FLOATS" Kodosky**. Warren brings a super clean **Amphicar** into the lineup. He joined us at the Chuy's parade this past November with props 'a whirlin'.

As you can see in the above pic, **the A-Car draws a crowd** wherever it goes, or floats, or both. If you haven't personally witnessed an Amphicar cruise down the street, across a parking lot and straight down a boat ramp into the water, it's a sight you won't forget.



Speaking of Spring, the **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Austin Art Car Show** is on **April 24<sup>th</sup> 2004**. The site hasn't been disclosed

but we'll make sure it's in the April issue ... no foolin'. Maybe the Micronuts should climb in their cars and **crash the party**. Let's talk about strategy on this one.

Warren has given ALCN a heads-up for the **2004 Austin Amphicar Swim-In**. Mark your calendars for April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Cruise out to [www.amphicar.com](http://www.amphicar.com) and check the details. Us **Micronuts landlubbers** need to rally some cars out there for reinforcement.



Want to check out an **Isetta engine video with ground-shaking sound and high-revving action?** Just head over to

[www.isettatech.com/Services.html](http://www.isettatech.com/Services.html). Look in the **Perry's Motorcycles and Sidecars** paragraph at the top of the page and click on the link. **Achtung!** It's an 8MB MPEG file so download times for dial-up connections will be certified brain damage. On a clean cable or DSL connection, expect 30-40 seconds. The video runs about a minute and a half.



Our Dallas bud, **Ray Morey**, sent us this shot from one of his renown Lake Joe Pool microcar cruises. From left to right, that's **David Jones'** '72 Honda Z-600, **Ray's** '59 Bianchina and **John Welsh's** '61 Fiat 600-D. Lookin' good, Ray!



*What in the world is going on here?*

**Werner Schwark, owner of Isettas-R-Us, explains:** "*More*

*often I'm hearing from Isetta enthusiasts about getting a pattern and correct scale drawing made for the deluxe and non-deluxe Interior panels which often are not correct in scale and therefore could have some issues fitting these panel to the car".*

*"Our embroidery firm has a large computerized digitizing system which is capable designing large patterns therefore we went ahead and took original unharmed interior panels and digitized the outline and holes to be cut with the Zeus laser cutter. The parcel shelf and the*

*deluxe front door panel designed for the vent grilles were carefully taken apart to be able to digitize the individual shapes involved".*

Problem sound familiar? Give Werner a call at **(770) 924-8530** or email him at [isettas@bellsouth.net](mailto:isettas@bellsouth.net) for more info. And tell him the **Central Texas Micronuts** sent you.



*Those are some pretty clean cuts Werner!*



Need an **Isetta Army tank cursor** to spruce up your screen? How about a **taxi cab, ambulance or police cruiser?** Pack that yawner Microsoft pointer off to the landfill, motor on out to [www.cursormania.com](http://www.cursormania.com) and download 'em. They're free and work like a champ. **Click on the Transportation section** and you'll see all 9 of them along with a couple of **Cushmans** (see below) and some **generic microcars** as well. Other goodies are included in the package that will assist you in frittering your valuable time away, rubber-stamping happy faces all over your emails, etc.



That wraps it up for this month's issue. We want to thank **Jeff Loughridge** for giving us the permission to use the **Goggo Dart** and **Peel** images at the top of the newsletter from his microcar graphics library. Look for more of his outstanding work in future issues. Jeff's site, **Boogerball's Eccentric Online Auto Gift Shop** is open 24/7 at <http://home.comcast.net/~lokrij/boogerball1.htm>.

Send your microcar news flashes/pix to [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com). See you in April!