

A Little Car News

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

May 2005 Black & White Edition

MOTOR ON OVER TO JORGE'S ON MAY 12TH FOR ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF THE MICRONUTS MONTHLY ENCHILADA LAYING-ON-OF-HANDS. 7:00.

This month, we completely ran out of ideas for a trendy theme so black and white seemed an appropriate cop-out. Not only does it save massaging those cyan, magenta and yellow ink cartridges, but gives us a chance to see what ALCN might have looked like back in the early 80's when nobody could figure out the HP LaserJet I's three touchpad 'buttons' and owner's manual chock-full of ASCII, binary and hexidecimal programming codes.



"Go For Your Gums!" *EsophagusCam* doesn't lie. Consider this tasteless (no pun intended) graphic as your official invitation to the **Micronuts 2nd Annual Bleach Burnout & Weenie Roast**.

Once again, **Robert Mace and Wendy Weiss will be our hosts**. And one more time, **the scene of the crime will be 3208 King Street (NOT King Lane) on Sunday, May 15th**. The fun begins at 2:00 PM and lasts until we get the last car running again. Make that 6:00 PM. Plan on some barbecue and all the fixin's.

Matter of fact, if you have any questions or can help out this year, give Robert and/or Wendy a call at 451-9470.

Here's a map of how to get there. It's just east of Lamar Blvd off of 34th Street. And yes, Comer Tuck, Robert and Wendy's cat will be there too. As you'll remember, he's also black and white.



What's this all about you ask? Well, FLOE is the ace manufacturer of some great aluminum products like boat docks and trailers. Like the kind of trailers that are perfect for microcars, among other things. Check these guys out at <http://www.floeintl.com/>.



Flashing back to our March and April editions, **Leonardo Correa Luna** sends us yet another shot of one of his Isetta cabriolets getting some special attention before shooting the final color on it. Hmmmm... wonder what color that would be? Black or white?



This just in!

The folks at **Griot's Garage**, masters at coming up with things-you-never-knew-existed-but-now-can't-live-without, are now taking

orders for their new carbon fiber toilet seat. Yep, those are crossed checkered flags. The beauties offer a nice, flush fit on full-size (14 ½' x 17 1/2") thrones. Head on over to www.griotsgarage.com. The price? You might want to sit down. \$150.00 per.



Thanks to a tip from **Debbie Stuart, Chris Bielstein of Bielstein Auto Glass** has now installed his third Isetta windshield, not to mention some additional microcar

glass. This one is going in **John Wallace's yellow car**.

Chris has been doing this for a long time and comes from a family that has done the same. Besides being a great guy to know, **Chris does all of his work on-site** so all you have to do is pick up the phone, **dial 282-2717** and tell him the Micronuts sent you.



Uh huh, it's **Firemarshal Bill Waite** checkin' in from our Oak Harbor, Washington office. As if driving around in an Isetta wouldn't do it to you, driving a Mini also poses the question, **"Are trucks getting bigger or is it just my imagination?"** (Just what the world needed. A Ford F-650.)



What's a LMKUU? Werner Schwark explains that it's a Blaupunkt radio made specifically for the Isetta. According to Werner, it is one of only a handful known to exist. Seems like BMW has caught wind of it and wants it for themselves. We'll stay in touch with WS and see if the seller sticks to his guns.

(LMKUU continued) By the way, LMKUU are Euro radio designations; L for Long Wave (weather/marine/commercial), M for Medium Wave or "AM", K for Short Wave (always some interesting stuff going on here buried in the static) and U for "FM".

OK class, now what does "K" stand for?



Wow! This picture sure looked good in color. Sorry you don't get to see it. Touching down in **Benton, Kansas**, our Midwest roving reporter, **Dave Major**, has informed ALCN that he had to blow off attending the **Austin Art Car Festival** this year due to a better offer. Seems like Charolette Motor Speedway paid his way to bring the AeroCar over for all to see.



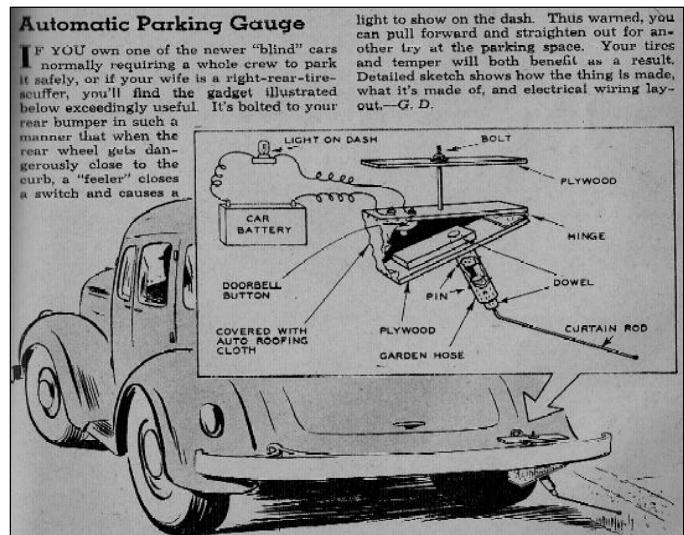
As a matter of fact, **Dave sent ALCN a link to video action** on the banked track:
<http://www.ovenall.com/moblog/images/ArtCarCup.mov>

One day, we're going to get Dave to let us in on his secret of how to get paid to support your hobby and travel all over at someone else's expense. We're in the wrong business.

The screenshot shows a eBay storefront for IsettaClassics. The store has 24 items listed in All Categories. The items include:

- BMW ISETTA RUBBER SEAL FOR ENGINE COVER & BLOWER: \$35.00 - 7 days left
- BMW ISETTA COMPLETE REAR AXLE SET: \$35.00 - 7 days left
- PACK OF TWO NEW BMW ISETTA 300 DRIVE COUPLINGS: \$40.00 - 1 day left
- ISETTA OUTER LUGGAGE RACK BRAND NEW REPRODUCTION: \$100.00 - 20 days left
- BMW ISETTA BOWDEN CABLE FOR THROTTLE: \$35.00 - 7 days left
- BMW ISETTA HAND BRAKE CABLE COMPLETE: \$30.00 - 1 day left
- PACK OF FOUR NEW BMW 600 DRIVE COUPLINGS (NOT ISETTA): \$90.00 - 30 days left

When he's not flying around for UAIR in his Fokker 100 or restoring bubble window Isettas, **Leonardo Correa Luna** is running an Isetta repro parts business. No, you don't have to fly, or drive, to Uruguay to score. Leo has a storefront set up on eBay. It's **IsettaClassics**. Leo has around 25 new parts out there and at very reasonable prices. Here's the link:
http://stores.ebay.com/IsettaClassics_W0Q0storecachemissZisettaclassicsQQtZkm



Micronut Wally Barrett was recently rummaging through a stack of World-War-II-era Mechanix Illustrated's and came up with several gems. He scanned this 1943 graphic for your enjoyment.

Here we have detailed plans for the **Automatic Parking Gauge**. The APG helps motorists that require the sound of a garden hose-assisted curtain rod scraping on concrete to help them park their car. Note rod mounted at the right rear. This was, no doubt, a precursor to the "fender whiskers" on your grandmother's 1962 Falcon. Stand advised that **Auto Zone** has **Dual Curb Feelers** on the shelf for \$7.99!