



A Little Car News

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

April 2005 The-Jokes-On-You Edition

**THIS MONTH'S 'SIT-DOWN' DINNER IS THURSDAY APRIL 14TH AT 7:00 AT
CASITA JORGE'S ON HANCOCK DRIVE. CHECK YOUR CHAIR.**

IN THE NEWS!



Whoopee Cushion World Record

[Whoopee Cushions From Spencer Gifts Give Students Potential to Break Guinness World Record!](#)

[Record!](#) -- Source: PRNewswire. "On Friday, April 30th, students from Northeast High School in Philadelphia will be part of an effort to break the Guinness Book of World Records' record for the 'World's Largest Simultaneous Whoopee Cushion Sit'...The current record in the Guinness Book for the Largest Simultaneous Whoopee Cushion Sit stands at only 1,505." BAAAARRRRRAAAATT!

Check out the fine whoopee cushion demo video at <http://www.funstore.com/seinwhcu.html>.

It's No Joke-Loughridge Is On Monster Garage!



As Honest Charley used to say, it's Mr. Boogerball himself. Micronuts West Coast correspondent **Jeff Loughridge** made good on his Monster Garage announcement a while back. Jeff drew up the concept 120 mph Peel Trident that Jesse James' all-midget build crew DIDN'T put together. Unfortunately, parts were late and time ran out on the crew so the Peel's transformation never happened. At least Jesse got to put his assault rifle (cannon?) to work and vaporized the ill-fated project just before the credit roll.

You CAN still buy your Peel, and other microcar merchandise online at www.boogerballs.com.



What's this about? Cruise on over to www.absorber.com and get educated on how to dry off a Bavarian Cream Puff.



One of our newest long-distance Micronuts, Lauren Porsch, sent us a whole passel of restoration pix. Lauren is an old hand around just about any part of a car and is helping his friend Doug with this knockout Isetta resto up in **Brookings, Oregon**. We'll be following their progress in future issues.



Doooof!

Your editor incorrectly identified this picture that ran in last month's issue. This is a **1941 Stearman PT-17** that belongs to Deborah Casner, as do the two Isettas, [here in the good ole USA](#).

It took 12 years to restore the aircraft.



The **ALCN** staff recently spent some time over in **Santa Fe, New Mexico**. While stumbling around the Plaza (and checking out a bright green Citroen 2CV with an old Indian sitting next to it asleep in his wheelchair) the **Yippee-Yi-Yo Gift Shop** was

noticed. Being your typical tourists, of course, a visit was in order. Just inside the front door, we found this **lovely Metro/travel-trailer place setting**. We're talkin' **matching napkins too!**

If you're ever in the neighborhood, you owe it to yourself to check out this neato store. The YYY can fix you up with one of those New Mexico "50's postcard" lampshades, refrigerator magnet saints to protect you from just about anything, rubber mutant alien finger puppets (fit great in an Isetta windshield defroster vent and sensibly priced at only 59¢) and, you guessed it, rubber Indian hunting knives complete with scabbard. 5 stars.



The Amazing UOVO! Can anyone imagine an Italian designed car nicknamed "The Egg"? No way!! What'll they think of next? Those wacky Italians are always coming up with new stuff. Or parking their Isettas a little too close to their Airstream trailers. The next thing you know, they'll have the steering wheel swinging out with the front door! Here are some of the features of the UOVO according to the Web site, www.uovovigano.com: (The following is unedited, by the way)



"Adopting the Siamese front wheels, i.e.: 2 independent tyres fitted on an unique wheel." "If a tyre has a puncture or it blasts, the UOVO can continue its running and reach destination without stopping". "The siamese wheels grant also an anti aqua-planing effect". "The road holding in bad road conditions, is provided by the fact that, while the traditional

("The Amazing UOVO" continued ...) cars run on two carriageways only (4 tyres one after the other), the UOVO has 6 tyres that run on 6 different carriageways, as a **cat with 6 paws**. "The old steering column, **traditional killer**, has been substituted by a side support, armless and protecting in case of accident". Order now.



If there's an auto show in Wichita, Kansas, you can pretty well bet that somewhere close by. He sent us a ton of pix from the show but this beautiful King Midget got the nod for this month's issue.



One more successful attempt to stuff 10 pounds in a 5 pound sack. Pretty nice **Pro Street Metro!**



In our March "South 'O The Border" Edition, ALCN reported on Leonardo Correa Luna's new Isetta resto finds. As you can see in this shot, he's wasted no time in getting his cabriolet under way. Looks like the body work is done and primer is on. In typical microcar fashion, another Isetta owner loaned Leo

his cabriolet body so they could get things matched up. That's the microcar world we all know and love! More on Leo in the May issue.



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Tired of messin' around with eBay trying to find a good vintage plate for your microcar? Why not check out License Plates TV? No, these aren't street legal but that's part of the fun. To the casual observer, they look like the real thing. Great for shows or just cruising around to **see how long you can get away with it**. The cost? \$65.00. Head over to www.licenseplates.tv, click on "US/State Plates", then "Texas", then go for it.

Father Of Intermittent Wipers Dies

DETROIT (AP) -- You may never have known his name, but Robert Kearns was responsible for making driving on a drizzly day a lot easier and a lot quieter. The man who invented intermittent windshield wipers has died at the age of 77. His daughter said Kearns was buried, appropriately enough, on a misty day when it rained "just enough to have the wipers going on intermittent."

Kearns patented his intermittent system in 1967 and then demonstrated it for Ford Motor Company. Eleven years later, when Ford began installing the wipers on new cars, Kearns sued the automaker and won. He collected \$10 million from Ford and another \$21 million from Chrysler. But Kearns called the settlements a travesty because the court didn't stop the carmakers from using his design. So he kept filing lawsuits.



Based on our last article for this month, perhaps one of those squirting flowers would have been a better choice here. But from the look on this guy's face, **it's time to get the heck out of here!** Thanx again for everyone's input. Send whatcha got to brucef@austin.rr.com. See you again around the first of May with another baffling issue of ALCN, assuming the editor still works here ... BF