



A Little Car News

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

December 2003 Edition

Monster End O' Year Issue!

Next Micronuts meeting is Thursday, December 11th at Rudy's Barbeque on Loop 360 at 7:00 PM. See you there!



First of all, thanks to **Werner Schwark** of **Isettas-R-U's** for permitting us to use a scan of his cool Christmas card with Isettas pulling Santa's sleigh, plus one buried in a snow drift. Check out Werner's new look and **Chadwick** pic later in this issue!

The Isettas-R-U's 2004/2006 parts catalog is now available for \$5.00 a copy. He'll refund the fin on your first order. Werner can be contacted at isettas@bellsouth.net or (770) 924-8530. Be sure and tell him the Micronuts sent you.



It was 0 to 35 mph in November for the Micronuts and associates. First, we had our 3rd **Central Texas Microcar Roundup at Zilker Park**. The weather was a beautiful 85 degrees and partly cloudy in Orlando, Florida. Here in Austin, it was around 53 and overcast with sprinkles early and late in the day. Above, we have fellow Isetta (and Morgan) owner **Linda Noland** who made the bleak trek from Dallas down to Austin for the show. **Stella the Dog** stands guard over **Bruce Fullerton's Isetta**.

We had six cars show up to brave the weather. **Janie Amescua** had the usual mega-food layout under their tent so who was to complain. OK, maybe October is a better idea for next year. Regardless, the quality of a microcar crowd beats quantity every time.



It's not that easy to make out but the Micronuts went REALLY micro this year. That's a **radio controlled duplicate of Terry Sayther's BMW 600** that terrorized the crowd this year at the **Chuy's Children Giving to Children Parade**. The shindig was nothing short of spectacular, as usual. The weather was beautiful. It was clear and in the 40's in the morning during staging and got up around 60 by parade time. The **Micronuts and friends had a showing of 7 cars** including an **Amphicar with props a'spinnin'**.

The high/lowlight of this year's parade was **Bruce's Isetta**. The lunar lander cut a vapor trail across Central Austin to the Capitol, arrived flawlessly at 8:00 AM and roosted in the staging area until 10:30 when time came to warm up the motor. The car started up with some cantankerous behavior, not a normal deal, ran for about a minute and died. Stage fright had apparently set in. **Debbie Stuart** and **Janie Amescua** refused to let Bruce push it over to the curb (or let him have it crushed and sent to the smelter) and made the command decision to forget the big-block powerplant and make a quick conversion to **4 womenpower (WP)** and roll on it. Nobody in the crowd seemed to care or notice. At least one person referred to "that electric car". Not bad for a smoke screen, huh?

Thanks to you ladies who pitched in, **John and Melanie Wallace** for providing a shadow for the trip downtown and **Andy and Janie Amescua** for trailering the car back to the launching pad!



This is what **4 WP** looks like from one angle.



Photographic evidence of the first-ever **Trans Town Lake Isetta Balloon Launch** in recorded Austin history. Taken just prior to lift off.



Terry in the M Series 600 and **Brandon** in the flamed out 700.



The following was spotted on the **Isetta Owner's Club Of Great Britain** bulletin board a month or so ago. The text shown here appears as it was originally posted. Piece of cake.

"I have a three wheel Isetta Pick up truck for sale in Fair, to good condition It would tak someone about two weeks to restore this vehcile. If interested please contact me ..."



Holy hole-in-one Batman! Werner Schwark has never looked better. Mr. Isettas-R-Us strikes a pose in one of his **Chadwick golf carts** sportin' a twice-skull hood ornament, retro cobweb motif and pumpkin headlight grilles. This one was never sold as new. The Chadwick was the golf cart of the rich and famous. Customers included **JFK and Frank Sinatra**. If the wheel arrangement reminds you of something, you're right. BMW supplied Isetta running gear to Chadwick here in the States and Chadwick installed their custom-made cart bodies and amenities.



Speaking of **John and Melanie Wallace**, here's a shot out of the back window of the F-250 hauling their new Isetta out of Dallas recently. **Ed Frantz** was the previous owner. The car was restored by **David Lloyd** in Tennessee in 1999. The Micronuts Isetta population just went up one click. **Linda Noland, minus Stella The Dog**, made her presence at the transaction, took it for a test drive and provided a laying-on-of-hands.



Whoever cranked this one out could probably come up with a world-class ransom note. This elaborately produced graphic appeared in a Toyota dealer's ad in a 1983 issue of the Austin American-Statesman. It was just too good to pass up. As you can see, painstaking effort was put into the addition of the corkscrew tail, skid plate (!?!?) and flat, extra low profile tires. Careful attention has been paid to font selection. The gas hose and nozzle are extra special too. This appears to be one very contented and highly-modified porker. **Oscar Meyer Weinermobile, come to papa!**



Guess that does it for this issue and a micro wrap up of 2003. **The Micronuts will start our fifth year in 2004.** Give some thought about the types of events you might like to see in the future. We've got a great group of folks that have come together under a common interest. If anyone knows another person who might be interested in joining our meetings, even if it's nothing more than to sit around, eat some barbeque and take in the microcar chatter, please encourage them to come along!

If you have any news for publication, request to add someone to our email list or suggestions about **ALCN**, please contact Bruce Fullerton at brucef@austin.rr.com or (512) 458-1144.