



A Little Car News



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

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NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 7:00 @ THE TREE HOUSE

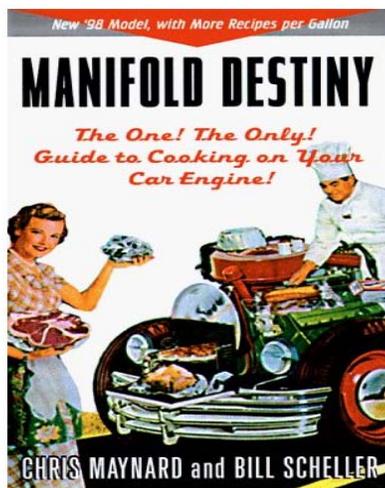
Everyone catch that last line? Janie Amescua has made reservations for us at our new meeting spot, **The Tree House**, at 2201 College Avenue. That's just east of South Congress at East Live Oak Street. A barely readable map is included below for your viewing pleasure. The time is the same as always, 7:00 PM. See you there on the 8th!



the Hemi-powered barbeque pit that was featured in *ALCN* a few months ago. You already own the oven. Use it.



David "Rimspoke" Brower sent us this shot he took of his "*Isetta #2*" flanking Bruce Weiner's McLaren F1 at Bruce's Microcar Museum in Georgia. So which car DID you drive today?



Here's something to pop under the Xmas tree this year, a copy of "*Manifold Destiny*". Our friend Firemarshal Bill Waite's car club up in Washington state has been on to the concept of cooking on your engine for a long

time. By the way, this is not to be confused with



On the subject of car shows, here's one of the shots sent to *ALCN* by Ray Morey in Dallas. These are some of the cars that were in attendance at the October Microcar Show at Northwood University in Cedar Hill.



From "Automobile Magazine": "At last! A wacky Japanese concept with a name that evokes self-stimulation. The **Toyota i-unit** is a one-person vehicle that has a prone high-speed

mode and an upright low-speed setting. Essentially, this is a mobility tool for the city of the future, allowing you to travel from home to office with other i-units that run in file formation and communicate with the road ahead on one of those utopian intelligent highways. There is no weather protection, seemingly no safety equipment, and no competition from other road users. High concept indeed." Like that? How about this?



"At first sight, the **Nissan Pivo** looks like another one of those famously goofy, futuristic Tokyo show specials. But it's actually quite clever when you take a closer look. The Pivo's bubble-shaped cabin can turn a full 360 degrees on its axis, saving its driver the hassle of ever having to engage reverse gear. You pull into a parking space facing forward, and when it's time to leave, you

spin the cabin around (the bottom half of the body stays static, of course) and drive out the way you came." More at www.automobilemag.com.



The **WASP MAV** (Micro Aerial Vehicle) is hardly a car but it IS a micro. This deal is being developed for military surveillance. The seven-ouncer is currently being tested by the **Nimitz Carrier Strike Group**. We need one of these, too.



Richard Lewis is at it again! He's rounding the corner on his rally Isetta resto and the detail work is still coming. New aluminum knobs complete with tie tack roundel.



Now HERE'S a trailer a microcar can tow. Even better if you bring your dog along. This is a mobile doghouse from California architect Fred Albert's "**Barkitecture**" coffee table book. Under \$20.00 (the book, that is) and just in time for Xmas.

Isetta Tech

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Use from Radio, News and the everything else around here, read around at Isetta or Isetta.

Isetta guru **Jim Janecek** has taken over the controls at the IT Web site. Jim presides over the **Microcar & Minicar Club** site as well as a

few others. He'll be the Cruise Director from now on out. And yes, *ALCN* will continue to be posted every month in the Articles section. Thanks again, Jim!



What would another rendition of *ALCN* be without a contribution from our South American correspondent, **Leonardo Correa Luna**? This time, he's sent us a pic of friend and fellow Isetta owner, **Gonzalo Ceruti's** Isetta from Santiago, Chile.



The following is an entry from the Sierra Club's **HummerDinger** Web site. Turns out, they DO have a sense of humor. Or do they?

HUMMER 2 WINS "WORST IDEA EVER" AWARD

HOLLYWOOD— The Hummer H2 has been singled out by the **Academy of Moronic Arts and Sciences** to receive its most coveted award, the **Stupie**.™ "We really feel that the H2 pushes the boundaries of stupidity," said Academy head honcho John Elwood. "I mean, they must have had a team of monkeys working around the clock on this stuff!" Runners up for the Stupie™ were acid-washed jeans and Vanilla Ice.



Since we seem to fly off on aeronautical subject matter from time to time, check out this one-person **Air Scooter**. Tell Santa Claus that the pricing is yet to be determined but should come in under **\$50K**. More info at www.airscooter.com.



How about a set of four custom wheels for a cool **\$1 million**? These donuts are sportin' 12,000 diamonds and 800 sapphires for a whopping total of **1,100 carats**, enough to do **Liberace** proud.



Time to get SC back to the North Pole so he can go about the business at hand. We're looking forward to more of your contributions to *ALCN* and a new year's worth of madcap journalism from the world of microcars and anything-that-rolls. As usual, the address is brucef@austin.rr.com. **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year** everyone!