



# A Little Car News



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

June 2004 Bleach Burnout and Weenie Roast Edition

Next Micronuts next meeting is on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Casita Jorge's Mexican Food Restaurant, 2203 Hancock Drive. Comida tiempo: 7:00 PM.



First of all, we owe a big thanks to Robert Mace and Wendy Wiess for allowing us to invade their place for the Micronuts Spring Bleach Burnout and Weenie Roast. A total of 18 Nuts and associates were on hand for the festivities which included the maiden voyage of Robert's new Thermos stainless steel gas grill which performed flawlessly. The weather was perfect and those that stayed the duration were treated to a bombastic fireworks display over at the UT graduation ceremonies. Here are some pix of the action.



Barry Mann, left, and John Wallace talkin' Metro out in the driveway. Audrey Mann and Melanie Wallace join in on the discussion about jack handles.



Caution. Loafers and slackers at work! Robert's green BMW and white Velam Isettas gaze at the action in the background amidst industrial-strength burger munching.



Comer Tuck, Robert and Wendy's fearless cat and Mayor of King Street, approves of Barry Mann's Metro interior color combo.



Uh oh. Guess who wants a Metro now?



Robert Mace shot of **Bruce Fullerton's Isetta**. As you can see, the weather was horrible.



**Andy Amescua** doing one of the things he does best. Fortunately, he already has a Metro.



**Janie Amescua** tends the fine cuisine on Robert and Wendy's new gas grill and holds **Barry Mann** at a bay with her lethal burger flipper. Don't mess with Janie.



**Warren Kodosky** and crew hoist anchor on the Amphicar on their way back to dry dock.



OK, it's goofy lookin' but it fits on the page.

Micronuts long-distance friend, **Rich Plavetich**, sent us these pix of his newly restored blue and white Isetta from Laguna Beach, California. Rich would have had the job finished a little sooner but had to go on a search for a good set of side glass. Looks like he found it. **Beautiful job Rich!** Be sure to stay in touch with us and let us know what you're going to do for an encore.

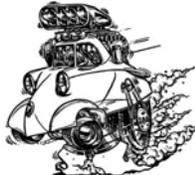


*Let's see, do I want to go for a little cruise today or just go out and mash somethin' flat?*



*Looks like cruisin' gets the nod. This shot was taken in **Heisler Park** on the Pacific shore.*

**Motorvatin'  
Messerschmitt**



**Achtung Baby!**

Now, let's motor on up to Minneapolis/St. Paul and check out **Radio Rumpus Room** on KFAI-FM, 90.3 Minneapolis, 106.7 St. Paul. **Ron Thums** and his lovely assistant **Jean** are keeping the great sounds of surf,

psychedelic, hot rod, '60's garage and rockabilly alive every Friday evening from 9:00 until 10:30. Ron has also taken the initiative to keep **Ed "Big Daddy" Roth** alive and well with his Isetta "**Das Killer Kleinwagen**" and "**Achtung Baby**" Motorvatin' Messerschmitt T-shirts.

*Isetta*



**Das Killer  
Kleinwagen!**

These shirts are bulletproof white with black lettering and graphics. The image is on the front. Sensibly priced for our value conscious shoppers at only \$14.00 each plus \$4.00 shipping. The URL for the

RRR site is [www.radorumpusroom.com](http://www.radorumpusroom.com). URL for shirt ordering info is <http://www.radorumpusroom.com/speedshop/shirts.html>. Be sure to let Ron know that the Micronuts sent you.



Meanwhile, back in Austin, Micronut **John Wallace** has his Isetta all buttoned up after adding beaucoup amenities. Let's see ... where to begin? The list includes cleaning up some electrical problems, new interior complete with leather seat and panels by **Randall West** at **Cecil's Auto Trim**, lots of new chrome by **Centex Plating**, refurbished speedo by **Palo Alto Speedometer**, seat belts from **Andover Restraints** and an array of other detail items. The car doesn't look like the same one that

John trailed into Austin last December. Some very nice work!



Yours truly doofed it last month. Our friend from Uruguay, **Leonardo Correa Luna**, flies for **UAir**, not Pluna Airlines as stated. Here's a great shot of his new Fokker 100. Leo was in Dallas the first part of May for flight simulator training. Leo also sent us this pic of two of his cars. Nice camera work!



Here's another Web find. **Kathrin Henning of Axmode Enterprises** in Carlsbad, California has all sorts of cool microcar tin signs and posters. There's literature to boot.

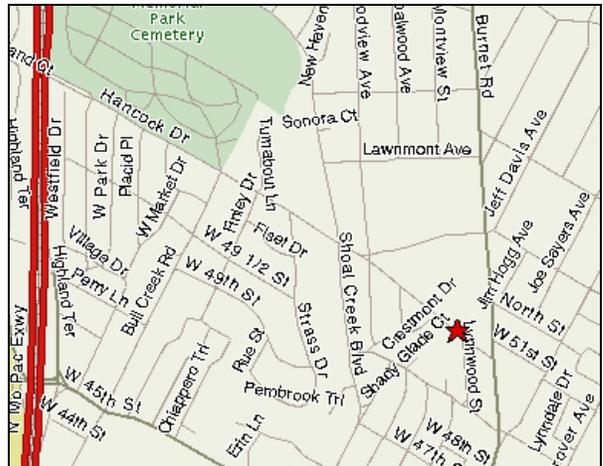
She is in the process of converting the Web site from Deutsche to English but should have it online soon. We'll keep you posted on Kathrin's progress right here. Meanwhile, if you

need any Isetta, 600 or 'Schmitt stuff, email her at [axmode@adelphia.net](mailto:axmode@adelphia.net) or just surf around eBay and look for products with 'axmode' listed as the seller. Axmode has a flawless seller rating and gives excellent customer service!

### Micronuts Public Service Announcement



Many thanks to **Kerrville Micronut, Wayne Graefen**, for sending along this timely reminder of how NOT to work on your car ... no matter how small it is. Sort of makes you feel like a Darwin Award might be in this guy's future.



In regards to our new June venue, **Casita Jorge's Mexican Food Restaurant** is located at 2203 Hancock Drive, just off Burnet Road and across the street from the Americana Theater / Austin Public Library. See ya'll there on June the 10<sup>th</sup>!

**Hey!** Keep the microcar news headed your way by sending any and all pertinent news and pix to [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com).