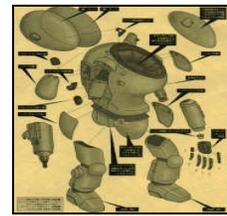


# A LITTLE CAR NEWS



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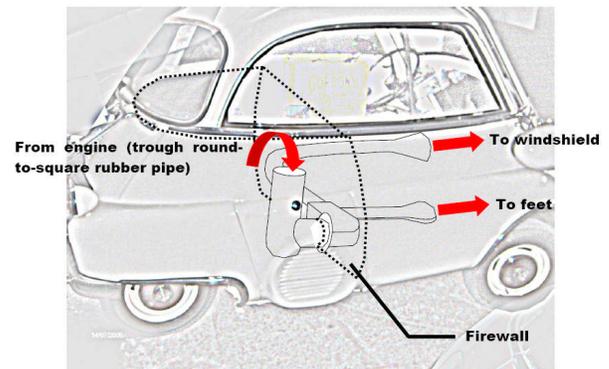
**NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 7:00 @ RUDY'S BBQ ON 360.**



From the "Five Wackiest New Japanese Toys" list comes the model line (no pun intended) of the soon to be released Q-Steer mini remote controlled cars. First issues will feature select Toyota and Honda models with more to follow. They're only 4 centimeters long (that's a little under 2 inches to us metric-challenged blokes).

Why not start the September edition off with ride-able robots? Here we have the **Robo3** direct from Korea. In regards to pricing, the writer states, "I cannot figure out what currency they are being sold in - the site says 5,000 something for the ride-able number, but if you convert it from a Korean currency, it's something like \$60, so maybe they mean dollars."

The ALCN editorial staff hopes you found that very helpful in budgeting for this new household item.



Our Barcelona, Spain correspondent, **Claudi Etcheverry**, sent us this scratch-built graphic to clarify the correct way to hook up an early style Isetta heater. **Claudi's** resto is coming along nicely and it's down to the peripherals now. **Thank you again *Claudi*** for allowing us to use it here in this edition of ALCN. Hey, this might make a pretty cool T-shirt. Robert, we need to talk.



When we have a wild hog problem down here in Texas, there's only one sensible way to solve it. Get one of these babies. There's enough firepower bolted on to this rig to start, and win, a war. Looks like a pair of .50 caliber machine guns on the roll bar, one in the front seat and an assault rifle on the passenger side ready for makin' bacon.



Wayne Graefen sent us this shot someone popped up on Woodward Avenue in during a cruise. The rain didn't stop this Isetta owner, or scads of other cool car owners, from getting out.

Looking for a cool bike? Here's the one you need right here. It's the **Spyker Aeroblade** and it's slick indeed. All carbon fiber mudguards, titanium frame, aluminum forks, etc. Each bike is hand built to fit its new owner and individually serial numbered. Oh yeah, orange tires. The price? A little under \$20K USD. Have a look at their entire product line at [www.koga.com](http://www.koga.com) as well as the heritage behind the bike at [www.spykercars.com](http://www.spykercars.com). Toys for grown-up boys 'n babes.



**Wayne Graefen** enlightens us this month with a heads-up on the **BykaTryka**. No, that's not Wayne at the controls but it could be. This is a product of the **Piaggio** (Vespa) company as is ...



their backwards scooter, the **MP3**. This thing is an engineering marvel. Check it out here > <http://www.italiaspeed.com/2006/cars/other/piaggio/05/mp3/mp3.html>.

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You knew this was eventually going to happen. For those folks who can't stand to be without

their car, here's a massive RV setup with a built in garage. Hey, for what this thing probably cost, it may be someone's house.



Our Uruguay correspondent, **Cap'n Leonardo Correa Luna**, has notified **ALCN** that his **Isetta Classics Web site is now open for business**. You can find it right here > [www.isettaclassics.com](http://www.isettaclassics.com). Leo has all sorts of high-quality repro parts, some never offered before. Like everything else Leo gets his hands on, it's very nicely done. Check it.

### Ford Motor Company To Enter Microcar Market

In a surprise move, probably implemented to divert the public's attention to (with a few exceptions) their comatose product line, money-loser **Ford** has announced that it intends to put **600,000 Hot Wheels Fusions** into boxes of **Kellogg's cereal**. The Fusion toys will be inserted in boxes of **Froot Loops, Apple Jacks, Frosted Flakes and Cocoa Krispies**. Ford said one red model with the Target logo will be among them, and whoever gets that box will win a real Fusion. Looks like **Mattel** is the clear winner in this one. Target!?! What happened to the Blue Oval? Jeez.



Here we have a rather uninspired shot of a **Fiat Uno** ..... before.



And here's another shot of a **Fiat Uno** ..... after.



Closing on a utility theme, our good friend in Pretoria, South Africa, **Manfried Koster**, sends us this updated shot of his **Mercedes Unimog**. As you can see, **Manfried** has had it completely gone through and has it looking ready-for-business. This particular variant is a 1974 agricultural model that was originally equipped for low RPM duty.

That'll do it for September. We'll be back in October with another controversial edition of **ALCN**. Meanwhile, keep that info pouring in. The address is always [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com).