



A LITTLE CAR NEWS

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FEBRUARY 2006 ANOTHER CAR COVERED WITH SNOW EDITION

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 7:00 @ RUDY'S BARBEQUE ON 360.

Our recent meeting venue changes don't seem to have worked out in terms of attendance. Let's head back over to **Rudy's Barbeque on Loop 360** and get everyone back on board this month.



This is what **zero-to-70-to-junk** looks like in freeze-frame. You can check the video out at: <http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6605730767077503480>. There's all sorts of **Smart crash action** to be had by simply Googling "smart car, crash video". Plug in any car name for that matter and snoop around.



Someone has "improved" speed bumps. Wonderful! **The Electro-Kinetic Road Ramp** will make these social nuisances alright with everyone due to the fact

that they generate around 10 kilowatts every time a car drives over them. And towns are talking about powering street lights with them. Thanks a lot!



Last month we ran a blurb on a slick, fully functional (well, almost) paper V-8 motor. This month here's what may be the most detailed **computer (CNC) generated V-12 model engine**. The builder is Clennel "Clen" Tomlinson, a 71-year old retired electro/mechanical engineer, living in West Sussex England. This guy's resume reads like a dream with regards to his automotive background. Check this, and other incredible one-offs, at <http://www.craftsmanshipmuseum.com/>.



For those wintertime runs to the parts store, this Russian-made Land (Snow) Speed Record car, a **Gaz Pobeda**, might be the ticket. This one was hand made in the Ukraine. The eBay listing, sent to ALCN by **Wayne Graefen**, had a Buy It Now price of \$177.50. It also indicated it had a jet engine. Hmm... sure looks like a propeller out back.



Speaking of **Wayne Graefen**, and model cars, you need to check this video out. Here's the link: <http://homepage.mac.com/gawingrove/Wingrove-Collection/iMovieTheater102.html>.



Dave Major strikes again. This time, he sent us a shot of a spare Isetta body he just got a hold of. In his own words, "It sat in a field on the ground in OK for years.

The owner told me a coyote dug a hole under it thus saving the floor. My nephew did a little photo shop on it and sent me the attached photo. I guess I'll name it **Coyote Isetta**" - Or Wile E.



What does a jet propulsion engineer do when he wants to experience the power of a rocket without going to space? He bolts one to a bike! For rocket designer Tim Pickens, a rocket on two wheels is the next best thing to a spaceship "Basically it's my own subscale space program."

How It Works

1. A toggle switch on the battery pack arms the ignition system.
2. The left-thumb button sends power from the battery pack to an igniter on a model-rocket motor inside the rocket engine, vaporizing the roofing-tar fuel so it can burn.
3. The right-thumb button keeps the nitrous oxide flowing (and the rocket lit) as long as it's pushed.
4. The left brake lever regulates the flow of nitrous and throttles the rocket.



Here's a good one. A parking meter that knows when you park, takes a pic of your license plate and can even give you a call if you're about to run out of time on the meter. Will probably end up being powered by one of those Road Ramps. gotta "That was the parking meter calling, I have to go".



These guys popped up on the Isetta Owners Of Great Britain BBS in January. They're slotted alloys made specifically for the Isetta. The "preco fixo" is \$280.00

per wheel and that's in Brazilian currency. Convert reals to USD and you get around \$125.00 per unit. The site that has them is:

<http://produto.mercadolivre.com.br/MLB-37502871-roda-aro-10-para-isetta-e-outros-carros- JM> if you're so inclined.



For those who don't understand what "STOP" means, this town offers some hand-holding for motorists that just don't get it. As you can see below, they also have a countermeasure for folks that probably shouldn't be driving in the first place.



Cap'n Leo appears to be whipping his Euro bubble convertible back into shape and wasting no time in the process. He'd better get it back on the street to make room for his next project ...



A **BMW 600** he recently scored. We need to get in touch with Senor Correa Luna and get the latest body count on his growing car collection.



Time to crash out of here for this month. Send all you got to brucef@austin.rr.com. We'll do this all over again in March.