



A Little Car News

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 7:00 PM @ DIRTY'S.




So who's MR. BIG? From the looks of things, Carl Jensen might be a good guess. Need one for your car? Try www.signsbyyou.com. Tons 'o stuff.



The California Highway Patrol has announced that it is standardizing on the Porsche 987 Boxster as its 2006 pursuit vehicle to replace its aging fleet of Chevrolet Camaros. CHP spokesman Officer Bruce Nowwegotcha (no relation) said that after extensive testing, the Porsche Boxster

was found to have all of attributes necessary for a proper pursuit vehicle. "The Boxster has 2 trunks which allows us to stash all of our police stuff" Officer Nowwegotcha was also quoted as saying. *"The Camaros were at the end of their useful life, and were never able to be used fully given that CHP officers are prohibited from wearing mullets while on duty".*



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John Wallace mailed us this shot of the prize-winner from the **Father's Day Car Show at Northcross Mall**. The bad news is that this three-wheel Morgan beat out **Andy and Janie Amescua's Isetta**.



John's not through snappin' pix just yet. Here's another one he took at the Lakewood show in Houston earlier this year.



We can't have an issue without a report from our Northwestern correspondent, **Firemarshal Bill Waite**. This month, Bill got tapped out of a zillion applicants to pilot one of four Smart Cars for a Target promotion in the Seattle area. Being a former Isetta owner, you'd think he'd be used to the ooohing and ahhhhing by now. He told us that his drive time was cut to a minimum due to the overwhelming curiosity of the crowds. Cool!



Here's a blast from the past. **Robert Mace**, midstream in thought with **Linda "Googly Eye-setta" Noland**, at the **2001 Texas Microcar Roundup** at Northwood University in Cedar Hill. It's four years later and Robert's car is back together. Now it's time to get the Roundup back together after a two year sabbatical.

Ray Morey put **Don Shriver** of Northwood U in touch with **ALCN** about a mailing list for a *tentative* upcoming show on October 15th. We'll keep you posted on this one. Northwood is a great venue. We hope Ray and Don call pull another one off.



This issue was done until **Dave Major** started firing off all those emails. Jeez, another three-pager. The shot on the left is obviously no microcar but a converted mobile MRI unit, now art vehicle. The towing shot on the right explains why Dave has a new clutch on order.



When those Hot Wheels die cast jobs just don't cut it any more, it's time to get out the blow torch and get that Chevy crate motor on order. Here's a very real **Whattadrag Isetta** for you. It's owned by **Bruce Weiner** and is on display at his microcar museum in Madison, Georgia. A blown 502 Chevy motor drives a single Sumitoma HTRZ II 285/35ZR18. And of course, there's a switch to turn on the flamethrower to the tune of about 4 feet out each side at full pop.



Here's a link to some more great pix:
www.microcarmuseum.com/tour/whattadrag.html



Last month, we had our first report from **Richard Lewis** on the progress of his rally Isetta. The other half of the project has been determining if a set of Minilites could be fit on a bubble window front end. To make a long story short, Richard got a second opinion by attempting same on a sliding window frame which proved to be an even bigger challenge given the obstacles that must be modified, ground-down and otherwise overcome. He's on the home stretch with the new wheels now that all four are on the ground. Longer lug nuts proved to be the final part of the puzzle. More later as Richard's rally coupe goes back together.



Everyone brushed up on their German? If so, Wayne Graefen suggests you try <http://www.insidedcx.com/2005/competition/index.html> and check out Prince

Leopold von Bayern discuss the Isetta. Nür auf Deutsch!



If you liked that, don't miss the **Classic BMW Ad for the 600 and Isetta** at the same link as above. Be sure to crank up your speakers and enjoy the organ music!

MY OTHER CAR IS A CAR

Time to take **Carl Jensen's tip**, check out Signs By You and get a bumper sticker on order. (This one is a roll-your-own, by the way) The volume of mail, news and pix continues to grow around here. Shoot it all over to brucef@austin.rr.com. Even if it isn't true, our Fabrication Department will get right on it. See you again around Labor Day.