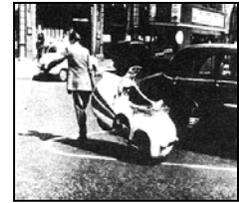




# A Little Car News



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

September 2004 You CAN Take It With You When You Go Edition

*Join the Micronuts for some flat enchiladas on Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 at Casita Jorge's on Hancock Drive.*



5,263 miles in a different direction our amigo Leonardo Correa Luna has been busy shootin' pix again. As you can see, he's been hanging with his car buds down in Uruguay.



Anyone who goes to the trouble to travel 9,126 miles from Pretoria, South Africa to make a Micronuts meeting will get the lead story in ALCN every time. Our long-distance friend, Manfred Koster, was back in Austin teaching at UT this summer. He couldn't pass up a chance to drop by Bruce Fullerton's joint, check up on the yellow unit and talk microcars after cleanin' up on some fried catfish over at Hoover's.

Manfried is currently restoring three Isettas and has a barn full of cars to tackle once the Isettas are done. We've asked Manfred to forward some resto pix to us when he gets back home for a future ALCN update.





While searching for info on obscure vintage magnesium American Racing wheels, this site popped up. No, **you probably won't find any Torq-Thrust units for your Brutsch**

**Zwerg or Dymaxion** but the tip on **Gibbs Products metal penetrant and rust inhibitor** is very interesting. Check it out at <http://www.roadsters.com/gibbs/>. Sounds like some pretty amazing stuff!



Here's one more approach to the ole take-it-with-you-when-you-go routine. Looks like someone parked their 2CV a little too close to a frisky Piper Cub.



Isetta owner **Lisa DePlume** sent ALCN this shot of her red and white unit. Lisa lives about an hour north of Chicago. Lately, she's been replacing drive

donuts, trying to get a grasp on that wacky horn circuitry and keeping her husband from hooking those Dynastart wires up backwards ... again.



Micronuts associate **Ron "Radio Rumpus Room" Thums** sent us this photog of an anonymous model

builder's cool Isetta rail. The body is a highly-modified Sangyo-Gunze unit which also included a Messerschmitt in the kit.

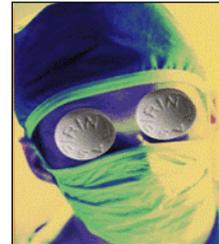
If you want to check out some great tunes, head on over to [www.radorumpusroom.com](http://www.radorumpusroom.com), click on Audio Archives and listen to the recent and past broadcasts posted out there. You won't find this stuff anywhere else, guaranteed!



Hmmm .... bet you'll never guess what we got in the mail. If you said **"the Micronuts annual invitation to be in the Chuy's parade"**, you're right.

**This year's date is**

**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. That's the Saturday after Thanksgiving, as usual. Those of you who have attended in the past can attest to what an absolute spectacle this is. If you haven't been able to make one yet, here's your chance. Bruce has already paid the \$50.00 fee and submitted the paperwork so we're good-to-go. We'll just divvy that up by the number of cars that participate like we did last year. More inside dope in future ALCN's and [www.chuys.com](http://www.chuys.com).



## AUTOPSY UPDATE!

**Isetta Surgeon General, Perry Bushong**, seems to have located the problem(s) with Robert Mace's green car.

**Seems like a \$1.00 C-clip fell off of the input shaft** on Bubba's chain drive. The sprocket shaft it secures then proceeded to back out of the input flange connected to the drive shaft leaving it nothing to turn. Once that was fixed, Perry found out that **the clutch disc had disintegrated** and replaced that. Other tweaks included door alignment, horn wiring and a few other small items. Bubba's car is back now and ready to rock again.

**2004 Microcar National Meet slideshow is here:** <http://www.richardjlewis.com/2004nats/index.html>.



Speaking of the aforementioned **Dymaxion**, the US Postal Service has actually done something cool for a change and issued this new **Buckminster Fuller stamp**. One of the three

Max's he produced is there in the lower right corner. What a ride!



Well, it's time to pick up the car and carry/fly it home. Send your pix, rumors and news, even if just partially true, to [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com) and get mentally prepared for the **October 2004 "Bride 'o Frankenstein" Halloween Edition**.