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This has absolutely nothing to do with anything except that it's a pretty neat stop-action pic and the inspiration to this month's title. Now, on to ...



this month's installment of Richard Lewis' Rally Isetta update: No detail overlooked here folks. Richard has tooled up a trick carbon fiber-like brake handle ala-Mini Cooper. This one is knurled plastic but it sure looks like anodized aluminum.



Here's the latest on the lighting situation. The gravel-shielded headlights and Notek driving lights are lit up now. All systems are go including ...



reverse lights! Looks like you'll be able to see this Isetta coming, and going, from a ways off. His car has got to be getting close being back on the road.



Leonardo Correa Luna sent us this classic shot from days gone by. The story behind this Argentinaassembled "**DeCarlo**" 600 is a bit lengthy but goes something like this. By the way, there will be a pop quiz at the end of the chapter so pay attention:

The car was on eBay in recent times and was bought by Leo. The picture shown above, was taken by an Argentinian photographer. It was bought by the seller in a flea market in Montevideo. The pic was sold on eBay by someone who lives in Ireland to Leo who is a Uruguayan currently living in Colombia and was paid for by his father who lives in Montevideo.

In review, we have a BMW 600 created in **Germany**, assembled in **Argentina** by an **Italian** named De Carlo, the car's owner drove it to **Uruguay** where the photographer took the picture which was sold 50 years later in a **Montevideo** flea market, sold on eBay by an **Irishman**, bought by a **Uruguayan** living in **Colombia** and paid for by the new owner's father who lives in **Montevideo**.

And all of this comes to you via **Central Texas** and we hope we got the story straight, Leo.

PS: Take a close look at the lower, add-on front bumper. You're right, in this configuration, the front door can't be opened. Early childproof lock?



We've got some folks on the same wavelength around here, not that it should come as any big surprise. Within minutes of each other, both **Wayne Graefen** and **Scott Isensee** sent us the link to the **Mazda Museum Web site**. It's located in Hiroshima, Mazda's headquarters. And they've got some very nice cars in there, like this **K360 three-wheel truck**. Take the virtual tour at <u>www.mazdamuseum.com</u>. Yep, the **Mazdago** (below) is in there too!



If you look real close, that's a **red Mitsubishi logo** behind the Mazda script on the gas tank. The one cylinder motor and transmission was jointly developed by the two companies.



From the ALCN "Who-Cares-What-It-Is-I-Want-One-Because-It-Looks-Cool" Department, comes this stainless steel rolling mincer from the current Williams-Sonoma catalog. It's sure reminiscent of a few things

and just in time for Mother's Day ... hint, hint. \$35.



Our Pretoria, South Africa correspondent, **Manfried Koster**, sends us a heads-up on what's involved in getting a driver's license in the Limpopo area. Funny how this tactic seems to work in mysterious ways no matter where you go.





Those wacky French are at it again. This time, it's with a serious effort to refine and manufacture compressed air-powered minicars. Here's the video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmqpGZv0YT4& eurl=http%3A%2F%2Fwww%2Ejalopnik%2Ecom%2F %3FrefId%3D239380



Speaking of French innovation, check out this video of their **deadly new shoulder-fired missile** at: <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MpOU6tMO1Mc</u> Thanks to **Wayne Graefen** for the French updates!



Guess Page Three is going to the French this month. Here we have a scale model of a **Ferrari 312** that took its French designer/builder 15 years to complete. Even the engine sounds like the real thing. Check out the videos of this remarkable model at:

http://videos.streetfire.net/video/3095c8fd-7c91-4f14-b368-98bf0167693c.htm and http://videos.streetfire.net/video/b9f05753-2366-4589-87c9-232c17b3e991.htm



Who knows, maybe the kid on Page One will grow up to be the next Mr. Omlette. Regardless, we'll see you next month with more madcap antics ... BF