

Student Group Fits 21 People Into Mini Cooper

Dateline Kuala Lumpur: A group of Malaysian students claimed to have set a new world's record, after they crammed 21 people into a 1999 Mini Cooper. The students took four minutes to fit themselves into the compact vehicle. They shut the doors and waited until the 20-second delay mandated by the Guinness Book of World Records had passed. The students later repeated their (Mini Cooper Cram Job continued) stunt for a local TV news crew, which had arrived too late to record the initial attempt.

The current record is held by a group of 18 British women, who performed an identical stunt in 2000.



Sure looks a lot like **Melanie Wallace** and **Janie Amescua** standing guard over the Amescua's red Isetta at the **Northcross Father's Day Car Show**. As usual, there are a couple of baffled onlookers in the background who understand street rods but don't quite know what to think about this one.



Wrapping this edition up is shot we got from **Sandy Jones** up in Fort Collins, Colorado. He decided to hang 'em up as consultant and

brewmeister at the Fort Collins Brewery and replace the clutch cable in his Isetta. By the way, that's a **1933 Essex Terraplane 8** in the background. Previous owner ... John Dillinger. The car has been completely restored with the exception of the **bullet holes** the Minneapolis police department installed in it during a bank heist getaway. **The Discovery Channel** featured Sandy's car, and Sandy, in a gangster car episode a few months ago.

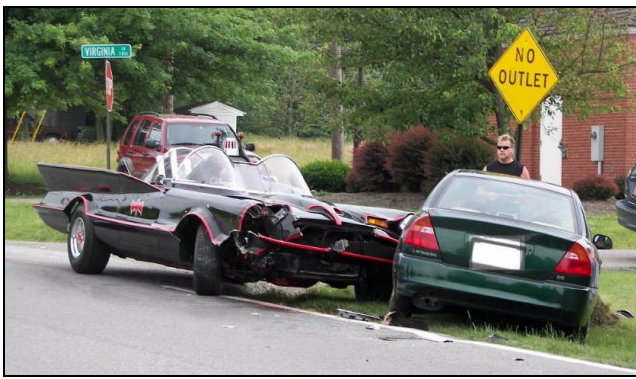


What's this ...



got to do with this? **They're both BMW's!** The guy at the top is a **C-1** covered bike. The one at the bottom is a **Clever** (**Compact Low Emission Vehicle for Educated Riders**, of course). It would appear that there's this new revolutionary trend towards small vehicles. What a concept!

Just to clarify, the **C-1** bike made it's intro in 2000 and sold a ton, backed off in popularity in 2001 and was discontinued. Looks like the **Clever** is BMW's attempt to put some more beef on it. You know, the wrap-a-car-around-a-motorcycle routine. Now, if they'd just put the door in front ...



No ALCN would be complete without a blurb from our pal **Firemarshal Bill Waite** up in Oak Harbor, Washington. FB relays the story behind this disaster as follows. "Seems this good-ole-boy "borrowed" a show car to impress his buddies down at the local watering hole. Well, a few too many drinks later he thought maybe he should get the car back to the show staging area. He didn't quite make it all the way back. DWI charges are pending."



As a nice segue to the ongoing "**Keep Austin Weird**" initiative, **Scott Wade** has moved it slightly south to just this side of San Marcos with his **car dust artwork**. Living a mile and a half down a gravel road ensures a copious supply of media 24/7 for his Mini Cooper and his wife's Mazda. Two words you don't dare mention around him are "car wash".

Wade has produced quite a few masterpieces including wildlife scenes, Santa Claus, **Kinky Friedman For Governor** and the above-pictured guy arguing with his wife. Something for everyone. (Picture courtesy Austin American-Statesman)



You're looking at the new World Speed Record Holder for lawn mowers folks. **Bob Cleveland**, World's Fastest Mower Driver quipped: "Oh man, cause it's a cheap form of entertainment" after his 80mph,

two-way blast at the Bonneville Salt Flats on July the 4th. He went on to say "We'll gradually go a little faster. And you know, I got other things on the agenda, like jumping lawnmowers and things like that." After that, belt sanders maybe?

Hey, after having seen the Batmobile trashed, maybe you'd like to see a **Citroen 2CV** get blown away by a Virgin Airlines Boeing jet. Or maybe you don't. Click here anyway: www.punchbaby.com/media/latrz/clips/TV/html/boeingXcitroen2CV.htm



Here we come full circle back to **Andy and Janie Amescua**, this time back home at the **Annual McDade Watermelon Festival Car Show**. Andy and Janie pulled out both guns bringing the Isetta and Crosley wagon this year. Their **69 lb watermelon** took 3rd place, completing the trifecta.



Better go feed Zognorf before he goes on another urban renewal kick. Keep all the news coming in this direction. brucef@austin.rr.com always gets the job done. Who knows, you might even see your name in print. See you September 1 ... BF