



A Little Car News



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

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THE MICRONUTS CHRISTMAS FOOD FIGHT IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 7:00 AT CASITA JORGE'S ON HANCOCK DRIVE.

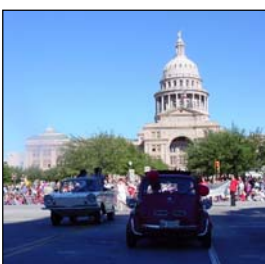
IN THE NEWS!



First of all, your editor wants to thank everyone both locally and globally for all of the pix, content and feedback you given over the past year. It sure makes this guy's job easier. Now, let's get this month's three-pager started with some photo coverage of this year's Chuy's Children Giving To Children Parade. This one had a monster turnout.



John Wallace's sanitary yellow unit gets ready to rock by the Capitol building on the left and proceeds to do precisely that on the right. The kiddos (of all ages, 80,000 of 'em) went nuts ... big surprise.



Driving into the shadows on Congress Avenue we have **Andy Amescua in his red Isetta** being flanked by **Warren Kodosky in his Amphicar**. Warren's wife, Lisa, was ushering Mrs.

Texas and her three kiddos up ahead in their white 1971 Eldorado convertible, top down.



Check out Spark Designs' PALV, or Personal Air and Land Vehicle. We need one of these. These are the same Dutch dudes that produced the Carver car/cycle at the top of the page. As one guy put it, *"leave it to a country where drugs are legal to come up with this"*. Check out Spark Designs' Web site at www.sparkdesign.nl.



The site is a relatively slow loader on cable/DSL but well worth a visit. Be sure and go to their "Styling and Design" link and *watch the video segment on the Carver* from the BBS television show "Top Gear". **Super clip!**



Might want to ask Santa Claus for a **Tyco Terrain Twister** this year. This bad boy will run on any and everything, water included. Be *sure* to get the battery pack, sold separately.



Yo! Meet our newest associates ... **Twinkle & Jones**. Here's the email they sent to *ALCN*:

"Hi there! We have attached a picture of us at the **finish line of the London to Brighton** run in June of this year. It only took us seven and a half hours! We were the only Isetta in the run and many people (including ourselves) doubted whether we would make it! But believe it or not **'Fifi' got us there without a hitch.**"

We are based in central London England. It is still early days with the book yet but we will keep you updated with our progress and when we are to print."

Kind regards, Twinkle & Jones :)

Note: T&J are compiling a microcar book and welcome all pix and stories you'd like to submit. Just shoot 'em off to bubble@monkeychops.com and tell 'em the Micronuts said **"howdy"**.



Looks like flying around has become an inadvertent theme this month. Next thing you know, some dude will be cuttin' a vapor trail in a sleigh behind a bunch of torched reindeer! **Dave Major from our Benton, Kansas office** sends this cool overhead

shot of the airpark he lives next to. A few blue and yellow Stearmans cruised over to check out the Wichita Corvette Club's show. That's Dave's **blue and white BMW 600 Aerocar** in the upper right parked just off the blue and white Cessna's wing tip. Thanks for the fly-by Dave!



From the front, sorta looks like those wimpy talking caricature cars Chevron was hawking a few years back except these are cool. Apparently, they can be bought. You can check out other rides like the

Ryoga, Viewt, Galue, Type F & Zero 1 at <http://www.grosvenorent.com/mitsuoka/microcar/k-2.htm>. Rather strange site. The other three offerings are more in line with the car shown above, the K-1 and K-2 and MC-1T's, with the K-2 being what looks like their pipe dream of a sorta updated 'Schmitt TG500.



Here's the K-2, the only car they show on their site that looks more like a 1950's German post card than

anything in production. Kiddie car? **(949) 631-1888** if you're curious about either one of them.



Looks a lot like our Oak Harbor, Washington correspondent, **Firemarshal Bill Waite**. Hey, it IS Firemarshal Bill! He's getting' ready to split San Francisco in his newly acquired Mini Cooper. Bill

had a deal on another one go south and ended up right back where he delivered his red and white Isetta to its new owners to pick up its replacement. Lookin' good FB. Love those wheels. By the way, 60-65 mph all the way home at 43 miles per gallon.



John Wallace drove his yellow unit of out River Place, down "The Hill" on 2222 in to town to drop it off at **Cecil's Auto Trim** for a new sunroof, just in time for the Chuy's parade. This makes three Isettas that **shop manager Randall West** has sewed up

thanks to the Micronuts. **Bruce Fullerton** ran interference in the red, hazard-lights-a-flashin' Mazda truck. Other than the usual jaw dropping, finger pointing and work stoppage along the road back into Capital City, no incidents were reported.

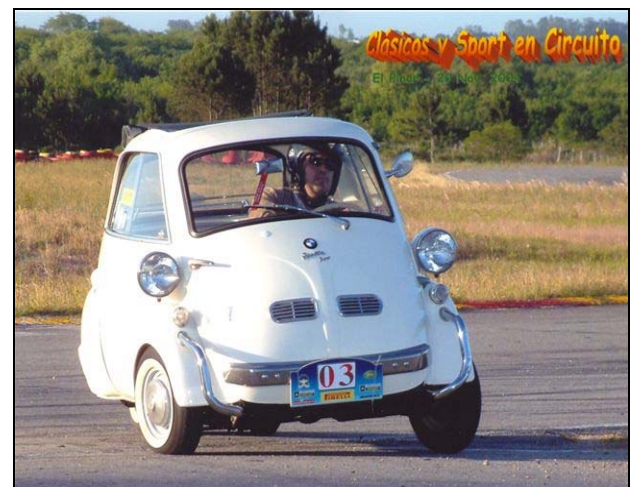
Video action of John's adventure is posted on Isetta Tech at www.isettatech.com at the top of the Gallery section.



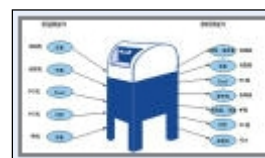
Richard Lewis hooked up with ALCN to give us an update on his bubble window barn-find. He and his son have set up a Web site to provide an outstanding photo-documentary of the project. www.richardjlewis.com/isetta/index.html will get you there.

If you've ever gone through this before, the pix will look very familiar. If you haven't, you'll want to bookmark the site for future reference. Lots of pix with more to come. Very well done!

We'd like to thank our friend **Werner Schwark** for granting us permission to use his Christmas card. Here's hoping everyone has a great Christmas and New Years!



Let's motor out of 2004 with our friend and correspondent out of our Montevideo, Uruguay office, **Leonardo Correa Luna**. Leo reports that he **blew the two front axle seals** on this run but had a great time doing it. As usual, great shot.



Thanx again to everyone for all of the news and pix. Keep 'em coming to brucef@austin.rr.com.

Next month, we'll kick off two-zero-zero-five with a new improved round of microcar jabber, breathtaking photography and madcap antics from around the microcosm.