



# A Little Car News

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

February 2004 Edition

Next Micronuts meeting is **Thursday, February 12th** at Rudy's Barbeque on Loop 360 at 7:00 PM. Come join in on the food and the usual tall tales!



IN THE NEWS!

The Micronuts have pushed technology to the cutting edge to help folks get the newsletter even if they're just flat-out too lazy to type out an email to request it. How? Just head over to **Isetta Tech** at [www.isettatech.com](http://www.isettatech.com) and click on the **Articles** section. All ALCN's since last September are posted there, including this issue.

One of our newest newsletter recipients is **Dave Major** (who actually typed an email message) who was kind enough to forward several shots of his **world-famous BMW 600 Aerocar**, two of which are at the top of this page. The pic on the left was taken at an art car show in Alpine, Texas of all places. And of course, who should just happen to be in town but **Robert Mace** and his better half, **Wendy Weiss**. Small world. Several of you will remember that Dave had the Aerocar at the 2002 national meet in Duncanville as well as his white 600 pictured below.



By the way, if you haven't seen Dave's video, "**Buying Your First Isetta**", it's a very informative and entertaining hour-long production. Dave has also reproduced the owner's and service manuals. Shoot Dave an email at [dm1033870@onemain.com](mailto:dm1033870@onemain.com) for prices and ordering info.

## Vendor Spotlight



As you can see, Perry Bushong is right up front and very specific about his rates.

This month, let's cruise up to Fort Worth and check out **Perry's Motorcycles and Sidecars**. **Perry Bushong** is the former owner and president of BMW of Fort Worth. He's since sold the franchise and is concentrating on the restoration and maintenance of vintage BMW and European bikes. The facility remains at 816 South Sylvania Avenue near the intersection of I-35 and Texas 121.

Perry has restored one Isetta for a Fort Worth customer and has done multiple Isetta engine rebuilds. When Bruce's Isetta engine was delivered at his shop to cure it's pooched pushrod debacle (**PPD**), there was a Dallas Isetta owner's motor already there and one came in from Phil Farmer in Oklahoma shortly thereafter. Phil took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place honors at the 2002 national meet with his red Isetta, by the

way. A very nice factory-true resto job! There was also a Zundapp motorcycle engine almost ready to put back in the bike frame that was next door in Perry's restoration shop and museum with a fresh paint and trim job. It's worth a trip up there just to check out the museum and see the *sidecar* that's as big as an *Isetta*, among other nifty things.

If you're in need of a turnkey engine rebuild, *Isetta* or not, give Perry a call at (817) 429-9922 and tell him the Micronuts sent you.

## MICROSOUTH 2004



Last month we mentioned **Jeff Loughridge's** great site, **Boogerball's Eccentric Online Auto Gift Shop**. Jeff's at it again and has designed outstanding graphics for the **MicroSouth 2004 meet in Florida coming up on March 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**. Check out all the action at <http://hometown.aol.com/wfpaul1/myhomepage/auto.html>.



Another new face is **Jerry Zabin from Skokie, Illinois** who shot us this pic of his British-built 1960 *Isetta* 250. Jerry's also got a strong running 1957 convertible we should have some pix of before we go to press next month.



ALCN recently dropped in on **Linda Noland** while up in Dallas. Here's a shot of her **Morgan frame** that's currently undergoing a complete restoration. She's owned the car since 1981.

Anyone up for a springtime event? **Robert Mace** has suggested that we consider a late March/early April



date for a Micronuts get-together at his house. Being nearby 34<sup>th</sup> and Lamar, **Bubba's** smack-dab in the middle of Capital City. It would also be a great place to take off from and parade around UT or wherever and create some microcar havoc. Let's kick it around during the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and see what the consensus is. Who knows, we might even get **Dave Major** to drive the *Aerocar* down from Kansas and get **Jerry Zabin** out of Chicago so he can thaw out and drive his *Isetta* around in spring-like weather a couple of months early.



As always, if you have any microcar pix, info, updates on your project, whatever ... please email it to [brucef@austin.rr.com](mailto:brucef@austin.rr.com).

We want to know what's going on out there plus it saves the editor tons of work and makes it appear that he's actually doing something.