



# A LITTLE CAR NEWS



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**JUNE 2006 DEER-IN-THE-HEADLIGHTS EDITION**

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH, 7:00 @ RUDY'S BARBEQUE ON 360.



Richard Lewis has been religiously sending us update shots of his rally bubble window Isetta. Richard has been through at least one body and paint guy, did all the homework on getting a set of genuine Minilites to fit, fabricated all sorts of aluminum knobs, skid plates (just above the trailer fender), tow hooks and panels and now has everything coming back together.



More on this topic next month.



You knew this had to happen. It was only a matter of time until a barber's chair married an Army tank and had a kid. The **TankChair** is the homebrew product of a husband who wanted a better way for his wheelchair-bound wife to get around. Of course, now everyone wants one. Check out more pix and videos at [www.tankchair.com](http://www.tankchair.com).

**Note** > This site has been very inconsistent loading so check back if it goes buns-up on you the first time or two. You might do better to Google "tank chair" and see what else is out there.



1999 ACURA INTEGRA - very clean, only rolled once, less than 60k, engine/trans/rear-end/interior all good, am/fm/cd, \$3500/obo 805-963-



Cruising over to the LA area, let's check out the newest addition to Richard Moriarity's Newport Beach house. A 1974 **Lamborghini Countach** was lowered through a skylight specifically designed to accommodate the car. Just hire a 70 foot crane and a bunch of guys and ... poof ... one hour later it's "hung".



Summer will officially be on our heads come the 21<sup>st</sup> and barbeque season will be in full swing. No, this one is not Hemi-powered like the one we featured here last year but what it lacks in horsepower it makes up for in amenities.

This is a **David Klose BBQ** (Houston, Texas) rig that sports **160,000 BTU's of firepower**, satellite radio and TV, Sony Wega tube with DVD and DVR ... all solar powered. We're talkin' **100 6 lb. chickens** that will feed up to 350 of your closest friends all in one pop. Price unknown..



**Firemarshal Bill Waite** is always on the prowl for microcar stuff and this shot is more proof of it. Looks like this one could have

been taken at Pomona or Orange County Raceway back in the late '60's. The **427 Chevy** motor probably didn't feel the added weight of the **Vespa 400** parked on top of it.



Here's another way to get your Vespa to the track.



John Wallace snapped this one of a knockout **Crosley Hot Shot** and **1958 Isetta**. That's a **BMW Dixi** in the foreground, yellow **Austin panel delivery** behind it.



The Isetta appears to be a very faithful factory restoration. Just about every detail you can imagine has been attended to. Very nice!





We couldn't help but run this one. **John Wallace** also snapped the pic of this **Czechoslovakian Tatra T77** at the Lakewood (Houston) 2006 Keels and Wheels show this year. Only 249 of these models were ever made between 1934 and 1938, running on the same basic production track as the **Chrysler and DeSoto Airflows**. The front end treatment on both the T77 and Airflow models is incredibly similar. Rear styling on this car suggests it might be a 1936 model.



The only thing missing is a 50 caliber machine gun.



OK, we should have saved this one for the January 2007 issue but it was too good to pass up. The "**Metrosled**" was sent our way by regular contributing picture and mostly-facts guy **Wayne Graefen** over in Kerrville. This is a one-off ride that's up for sale in Sault Saint Marie, Minnesota. The **Metrosled** can be yours for \$10K or OBO. Perfect for navigating the snow-packed streets of Austin this coming Winter.



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. Seriously.



While we're on the topic, Isetta owners can rest assured that there are skis available for work on the slopes this winter, too.



Time to fire up our new **BMW Clever** and cut some vapor trails. More on this in the **July "Ball And Chain" edition**. We'll have a full explanation of what the ball-and-chain thing means, too. 'Til then, it's still

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