

ILLINI METS NEWSLETTER

"Be It Ever So Humble"

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**SEND US A
PICTURE OF YOUR
MET AND A BRIEF
STORY ABOUT
YOUR MET.**

**WE WOULD LOVE
TO INCLUDE IT IN
FUTURE ISSUES**

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We had a good first Membership Meeting March 11, 2001. A little over 20 people attended. It was good to see familiar faces and better to see new faces.

We had a Tech Session in Frankfort, IL at Larry & Mary Beth Claypool's. We had another good turnout. We had three cars to learn from. Thanks to Gail Brandys and Bill Latham for volunteering to be volunteers. I also brought an early 1954 for people to giggle over. Many subtle differences between the later and earlier years. Larry showed us how to convert a car to 12V negative ground. We learned the basics of tune-ups, how to check timing and vacuum and mechanical advance. Many interesting things I learned. I would like to thank Larry and Mary Beth for hosting us. Larry spent several hours getting ready for us, and all attendees appreciated it. Larry has been collecting European Eastern Block cars, and had many nicely restored, unusual examples. We had a mini-car show at our Tech Session.

Our next meet is July 29, 2001 in Frankfort, Illinois. This car show was rained out last year, so it will be nice this year. Please bring your car out and visit. Larry Claypool has made a separate class for Metropolitans. I would like to see at least 10 cars there. Please Please Please come on out and visit.

We have a new website for the Illini Mets, <http://illinimets.tripod.com/index.html> John and Claudia Teschky volunteered to design a Web page for us. They have done an outstanding job. Please visit the Web Page often, as it will be updated when new information is available. The newsletter will also be at the Web Site, as well as our upcoming events. So, PLEASE visit and give us your thoughts. Again, thanks a bunch to John and Claudia.

Visit: <http://illinimets.tripod.com/index.html>

In a few weeks the Cleveland International Meet will be upon us. Rosey and I will be taking our '61 Convertible (Harold) out. I suppose I better get it out storage soon, time just seems to be flying by. Better get going aye?

With that, I will close. Check the website, we announce the new officers for Illini-Mets there, as well as any breaking news. Thanks again, John.

Happy Met-ting, hope to see you in Cleveland or Frankfort, or both.

Gary Bosselman

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OPEN TO ALL MET
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**CONTACT ANY
CLUB OFFICER
FOR LOCAL AND
NATIONAL
MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATIONS
OR VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

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**ILLINI Mets 2001 Club Events
and Select Car Shows**
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June 28 - July 1, 2001 MOCNA International Meet in Cleveland. This event is sure to be a memorable one. Anyone who is planning on driving or trailering their Met - If you want to caravan to Cleveland with other Illini Met owners, call Gary Bosselman at the number on the left or on his cell @ 815-341-6767.

July 7, 2001 Willow Springs Fourth of July Parade. This event comes highly recommended by Bill and Alice Latham. Parade, car show and lots of other activities. Registration form and flyer are available on our website.

July 29, 2001 Frankfort Car Show. Club Event! This is a fun show in lovely historic Frankfort, IL - with many restaurants and shops to look through and keep you busy during the day. Larry Claypool will see that we all park together. See attached flyer / registration form.

August 5, 2001 Illinois Railway Museum Transport Extravaganza. Union, IL. Bring an antique vehicle and everyone in the car gets to ride the trains and trolleys for free. Great show with cars, trucks, motorcycles, fire trucks, etc. and trains on display. Registration form and flyer are available on our website.

August 9-11, 2001 AMC Nationals. Cordova, IL (between Quad Cities and Clinton, IA) The AMC Club people we've met love Mets! Would love to see some in attendance. Registration form and flyer are available on our website.

August 19, 2001 Orphan Car Show. Aurora, IL **Club Event!** This is a picnic / barbecue / car show on a shady property along the Fox River. No judging - just great fellowship. Bring some lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and your own food to grill or a bucket of chicken if you don't want to cook. BBQ grills, beverages and games/prizes for the kids are provided. Great raffle with oodles of neat stuff. It doesn't get much better than this! See attached flyer / map.

September 9, 2001 British Car Show. Club Event! *New location:* Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL. One of the largest collections of British cars in the country. *New activities:* Tech Sessions, Walk Around Talks for each British Marque and British Car Film Festival. See attached flyer / registration form.

September 15th, 2001 Swap Meet and Picnic. Club Event! The Bosselman's will host in Roscoe, IL. Bring parts you can part with and a dish to pass. Unofficially we are also bringing our Met car models and paraphernalia for a "Show and Tell" for everyone to learn whats out there. Feel free to bring your treasures. Plenty of parking and space available. See attached flyer / map.

November ?, 2001 Membership Meeting Club Event! Location & Host TBD

December 1st or 2nd, 2001 Christmas Party. Club Event! Location TBD

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**CRUISE NIGHTS
IN THE
CHICAGOLAND
AREA**

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May - September

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Tuesday Nites

Frosted Mug - Alsip
Downtown Plainfield
Glen Elsen - Train Station

Wednesday Nites

York Road - Elmhurst
Al's Diner - Lansing
Main Street - Lemont

Thursday Nites

Train Station - Roselle
Westmont - Cass Ave
Main Street - Frankfort

Friday Nites

Main St. - Downers Grove
Stat's Diner - Villa Park
McDonalds - Gurnee Mills

Saturday Nites

Frosted Mug - Alsip
Park Avenue - Lombard
Photo's - Mt. Prospect

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**More cruise nights
are available on
our website.**

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**Lets get our Mets
out there this
summer !**

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New Members !!!

Bill and Mary Jo Beckman are our newest members! They live in Huxley, Iowa and are looking to buy a Met convertible. Bill owned three Mets during his college years. They are interested in a car in good shape body wise - engine doesn't matter so much since he is interested in customizing the drive train. Call Bill or Mary Jo at (515) 597-2513 if you know of a convertible for sale.

We look forward to meeting them at one of our upcoming events !

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ILLINI Mets Website Needs Your Input

John Teschky has graciously put together an incredible website for our club. The website will have a listing of the upcoming calendar of events, membership applications, technical information, photos from our recent events, list of local cruise nights and much more !

If you have any neat photos, stories, etc. that would be of interest on the website, send them to Gary, John or myself. Addresses, phone numbers and email addresses for the club officers are in the left margin.

Many thanks to John for his efforts !

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Illini Met Club Polo Shirts

Support your local Met club in style ! Polo shirts with fancy embroidered Met on the front. Comes in heavy weight and light weight varieties and various colored Mets ! Order form is available on our website.

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Whose Dues are Due ?

Due in June :

Harold & Peggy Hoover
William & Mildred Juricic
John & Laurie Winston

Due in July :

Don & Pam Kudricki
Ken & Joanne Wawrzyniak

Due in August :

Dick & Karen Bilek
Mark Hardy
Rita & James McIntier
Lowell & Karen St. Clair
Jim & Fran Hill (Illini only \$10.00)

***MOCNA and ILLINI METS dues are \$30.00.
Make check payable to : ILLINI METS.
Send to the Treasurer - Karen St. Clair at the
address in the margin on Page 2. Thanks !***



Bosselman



**MINUTES
ILLINI METS CHAPTER
MARCH 11, 2001**

The first business meeting of the year was called to order by President Bosselman at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield, Illinois. Those members present were; Gary & Rossey Bosselman, Karen & Lowell St.Clair, Bill & Alice Latham, Bob & Gail Brandy, Nancy Mackey, Bob & Pat Dennison, Charles & Laika Potts, Ken & Fida McDuffee, Jim & Fran Hill and guests John & Claudia Tuschky

Gary thanked the McDuffee's for arranging the membership meeting and then introduced the officers to everyone.

The Minutes from the December 2, 2000 meeting were approved as published in the March 2001 Newsletter. The Treasury report was also given and accepted.

Concerning Old Business:

Karen told the club that we had received a Thank you from the Diabetes Assn. of St. Joseph County for our donation in memory of Jim Ragdale.

Concerning New Business:

- 2001 Schedule of Events
- May 20th - Tech Session/ Claypools-Frankfort, IL.
 - June 28-30th - MOCNA National/ Cleveland, Ohio
 - July 29th - Frankfort Car Show, Frankfort, IL.
 - August 19th - Orphan Car Show-Loa River
 - September 15th - Swap Meet/ Picnic - Bosselman's (Wisconsin Met Set invited to join us.)
 - November/ Membership meeting/Oakfield Family Restaurant
 - December Xmas Party/ Baanhys Home, Hinsdale, IL.

(May 18-20th our club has been invited to join the MET SET of Wisconsin for a two day drive in Dear County. Other events were also mentioned by Gail & Karen.)

Constitution Amendment -Karen read the Amendment proposal concerning appointing a Newsletter Editor instead of including it in the Secretarial duties. It was unanimously approved by the membership.

MOCNA & ILLINI Elections - The members were reminded to vote in the upcoming MOCNA elections and were asked if there were any more nominations for ILLINI club elections. There were none at this time.

Whose Dues Are Due? - Karen read the dues list for the upcoming months.

Club Sweatshirts - Info on the possibility of club sweatshirts was given and a discussion followed. More info will be given at the next meeting.

There was no further business for discussion so the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen M. St. Clair
Karen St.Clair
Secretary