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ATTEND THE NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AND YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN A FREE LUNCH !

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Will spring ever get here? We were teased a few weeks ago, but snow is predicted for tonight. Maybe after this we can get our cars out and enjoy the good weather.

As a reminder, Saturday April 26 we will have a Tech Session at my house here in Roscoe, IL. I have also invited the Wisconsin Chapter, so we should have a good crowd and have a little fun along the way. We will go down to Wayne Lensing Auto Museum about a mile from my house. I am sure everybody will enjoy that. Bring a dish to pass; we will have mid-late afternoon lunch afterwards. Bring your problems, we will try to help fix those as well as answer questions. Hope to see you Saturday, April 26th.

A number of local events will happen this summer in the Metropolitan area of Chicago. Keep an eye on our web page (<http://illnimets.tripod.com/ind.html>) for these events and in the newsletter.

The April Issue of the Met Gazette will have a ballot for national elections. I would appreciate your vote for President. More importantly, whoever you vote for. Please Vote. The last election, less than two hundred people mailed in their ballots. PLEASE VOTE.

Hope to see you the 26th of April.

Gary Bosselman

Please call Gary ahead of time to coordinate what you need repaired. Call Gary, Lowell or me if you need info on parts vendors. Editor

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Don't forget our Calendar of events for 2003 :

- April 26, 2003 : Tech Session, Roscoe, IL / Pot Luck Late Lunch
- April 27, 2003 : Chicken Run to Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket, Old Route 66 *
- June 28, 2003 : Railroad Days Car Show, Railroad Museum, Galesburg, IL
- July 11-13, 2003 : MOCNA International Meet, Auburn Hills, MI **
- August 17, 2003 : Orphan Car Show, Aurora, IL
- Sept. 7, 2003 : British Car Show, Palos Hills, IL
- Oct. 11, 2003 : Fall Color Tour, Around Lake Geneva, WI
- Nov. 8, 2003 : Membership Meeting, Winfield, IL
- Dec. 6, 2003 : Christmas Party, Clocktower, Rockford, IL

* *New event ! See page two for details !*

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updated events
schedules, maps and
pictures of previous
events

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*Due to insurance
concerns, you must
be a member of
MOCNA to be a
member of the local
Illini Met club.*

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Welcome to New Illini Met Member !

The Illini Metropolitan Club would like to introduce its newest member :

**Richard Diehl
843 Yellowstone St.
Carol Stream, IL 60188**

Rich is looking to buy a Met - preferably a restored convertible. If you have any leads for him - give him a call at : 630-510-2799

Rich also won the drawing for a free lunch while attending our March Membership Meeting at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield.

Congratulations Rich and welcome to the club !

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Great New Met Restoration Guide Available !

A new Judging Reference Manual was written to better explain what the new concours judging class will be looking for at the upcoming Metropolitan Meet in Michigan in July. It has almost 100-color photos. It is a must-have for a person restoring their car to its original condition. The Judging Reference Manual can be ordered from Betty and Mike Jacobson (MOCNA) for \$15 plus postage. Give them a call to get one. (608-825-1903)

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April 27th is the Old Route 66 Chicken Run !

Marge and Bob Greenlee have graciously offered to organize a "Chicken Run" to the historic Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket on 645 Joliet Road in Willowbrook - part of old Route 66.

Interested Metters can meet at Marge and Bob's house at 819 E. Bailey Road, Naperville, at 3:30 and convoy over to Dell Rhea's around 4:30. Call Marge and Bob at 630-369-1348 to let them know you are coming and if you need directions. Or you can email them at : rgreenlee@worldnet.att.net

It should be a fun time ! Hope to see ya there !

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2003 Tech Session



Illini Mets

Illinois Chapter Metropolitan Owners Club

Date : Saturday April 26

Location : Gary and Rosie Bosselman's house
6812 E. Rockton Road, Roscoe, IL
(Near the Wisconsin border)

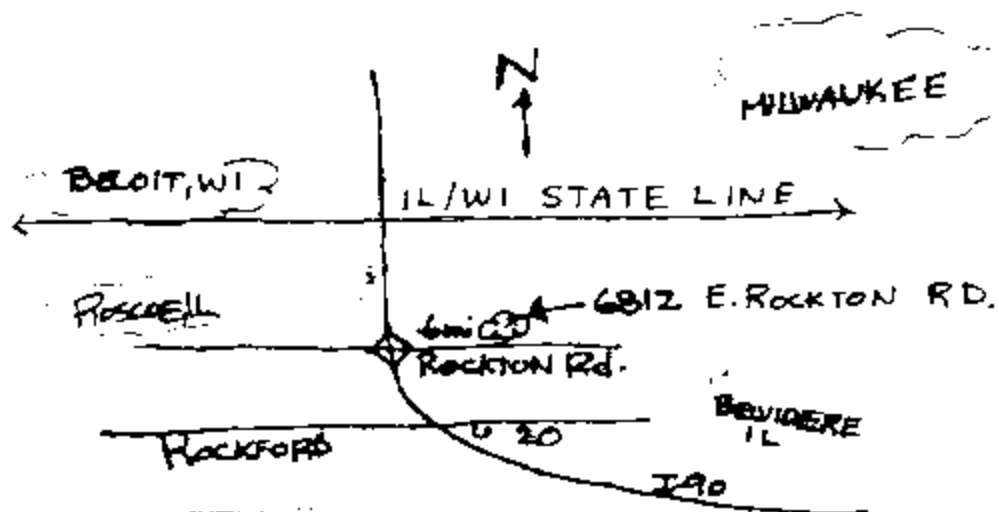
Time : 10:00 am to ???

Note : Car work will start at 10 am. Please call ahead and let me know what your Met needs so we can schedule our time accordingly.

When the car work is done, we will go down to Wayne Lensing Auto Museum about a mile from my house.

Bring a dish to pass - we will have mid-late afternoon lunch afterwards.

Hope to see ya there !



**E BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ILLINI METS CHAPTER
JANUARY 19, 2003**

An Executive Board meeting was held on January, 19, 2003 in Peru, Illinois, to plan the Schedule of Events for 2003. Present were President Gary Bosselman, Vice-President Lowell St.Clair, Secretary/ Treasurer Karen St.Clair, and Newsletter Editor Gail Brandys & Bob Brandys.

A discussion was held on possible sites for the upcoming meets and the following schedule was decided upon for the year:

March 8, 2003	Membership meeting, Winfield, IL.
April 26, 2003	Tech Session, Roscoe, IL. / Pot Luck Dinner
June 28-29, 2003	Railroad Days & Car Show, Railroad Museum, Galesburg, IL.
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Treasurer Karen St.Clair brought up a discussion to simplify the bookkeeping for membership dues. Currently, members dues are coordinated with the month of their MOCNA due date. She suggested that all members be responsible for mailing in their MOCNA dues directly since an envelope is provided by MOCNA in the MET GAZETTE. All ILLINI METS dues would be due on January 1st of each year. In order to accomplish the alignment of ILLINI dues, she suggested that the club give 1 free year's dues for 2003 to all current members as of 12-31-02. Any new joins after January 1st would have their dues prorated in the month they join. A unanimous vote by members present accepted the dues alignment to January.

Since the club has almost run out of the old stationery that had been provided to the club by Dick Bilek (now retired), a discussion followed about getting new stationery for the ILLINI METS. President Gary said that he would check into it for the club and get some prices.

It was decided to send the MITTEN METS \$100 from our club to help defray their expenses of the International Meet in July. Karen will write a letter and send the check to them ASAP.

It was decided to have a drawing at each of the 2 yearly membership meetings for a free lunch for one of those members present at the meeting. In the past, a drawing was held for a 1 year free membership in the club.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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At the November meeting of the Manitoba Metropolitan Car Club, Elmer Pokrant suggested that I run for the Board of Directors of MOCNA. In the ensuing discussion it was felt quite strongly that there should be a "Canadian Voice" on the board. After considerable soul searching, I agreed to let my name stand. The vote was unanimous, with Bob Pope writing the actual nomination letter.

I'm very active in the local car scene, attending the meetings of the Manitoba Association of Auto Clubs on behalf of the local Chapter. I've served the Manitoba Metropolitan Car Club as both Vice President and President, and I am currently Vice President again. For the last few years I've run the "Met Mail List", an E-mail program that allows Met owners world wide to share notes and tips on our little cars.

While I would appreciate all the support that I can get from the members of the Illini Mets in the upcoming election, the most important thing is to vote! This is a very important election, as three of the top officers will be retiring from their present positions. Also, over half of the Board of Directors will be new to their positions. Every vote counts! In the words of our current MOCNA President, "We need good leadership in the years to come to keep positive ideas, and younger leaders to guide our CLUB."

Gerald A. Henry

