

# ILLINI METS NEWSLETTER

*"Be It Ever So Humble"*

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE ILLINOIS CHAPTER METROPOLITAN OWNERS CLUB

Volume XXV No. 2

25TH ANNIVERSARY

March 2004

\* \* \* \* \*

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- \* \* \* \* \*
- President's Corner Pg. 1
- Welcome to Our  
Newest Member ! Pg.1
- 25th Anniversary  
Polos for Sale Pg. 2
- Chicken Run Info Pgs 3-4
- Tech Session Info Pg. 5

\* \* \* \* \*

## ALSO IN THIS ISSUE

- \* \* \* \* \*
- March 2004 Membership  
Meeting Minutes Pg. 6
- Met Stuff for Sale Pg. 7
- Updated 2004 Illini Met  
Member Roster Pg. 8

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

- \* \* \* \* \*
- Fran Hill won the  
free lunch at the  
March Membership  
Meeting -
- Congrats, Fran !

\* \* \* \* \*

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

\* \* \* \* \*

As I sit here looking over the calendar of events for this year, I think of the fun we are going to have. Seeing friends, talking Metropolitans, a few good dinners. If you have not attended an Illini Met Chapter Event yet, you are missing some wonderful people and a really good time.

Looking back, the British Swap meet was fun. I just need to remember to go without my billfold next year. To many neat things screaming "buy me". An N.O.S. Cylinder Head still in the original shipping box, when was the last one of those you seen? Several of the Illini Met members attended and I think we all left with something.

The March Membership meeting had a good turnout. We even had some members from Springfield attend. Thanks for making the long drive Bob & Pat. It's always good to see old friends. Wait, that doesn't sound right..... well, you know what I mean. We had members from Iowa, Illinois and Indiana there. So, for those who live in the Chicago suburbs, and you feel it's far to drive, hmmm.

Chicken Run is coming up next. I missed it last year, but won't this year. Even if you drive your everyday car, or your Sunday best, it will be a good time. You CAN'T miss the Tech Session at Larry Claypool's shop. Just looking at Larry's collection of cars is worth the drive. Ya gotta be there!

This year is Illini Mets 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We are looking at having a picnic in Central Illinois someplace. Karen St.Clair will announce location soon. For all the long time members, please attend and bring the old photographs. This will be a very special picnic, a chance to see some old friends. If anybody needs a ride, please let another member or one of the officers know. We would like to see a HUGE turnout.

Get the cars out of storage, get them tuned up, and drive them. Need some work done? Bring it to the Tech Session. Need it trailered? Give me a call

Gonna be a busy year.

Gary Bosselman

President Illini Mets

\* \* \* \* \*

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER !

We would all like to welcome Bill Garman of Mattoon, Illinois to the Illini Met Club.

*Hope to see you at an upcoming Met event !*

\* \* \* \* \*

**ILLINI METS CLUB SHIRTS  
25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**ILLINI METS CLUB SHIRTS** with the **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary script** are available at any time. The shirts are the same style --cotton pique in Light grey (Birch) with a jacquard racing knit collar and cuffs in red/ black/ white--as our regular club shirts. The **25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 1979-2004** will be written below our club logo. The price is the same for any size (\$25 each) which includes shipping. If your old club shirt is looking a little worn, now is the time to order a new one with the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary script. Allow 2-3 weeks after order is received for delivery.

Please use the order form below and mail to Karen St. Clair, 1325 Lincoln Road, Bettendorf, Iowa 52722. **Make checks payable to the ILLINI METS.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ILLINI METS SHIRTS**

<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Quantity</u>		<u>Total</u>
<b>S</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>
<b>M</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>
<b>L</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>
<b>XL</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>
<b>2XL</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>
<b>3XL</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>\$ .</b>

**TOTAL Enclosed** **\$ .**

**Ship To:**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City** \_\_\_\_\_  
**State** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_  
**E mail** \_\_\_\_\_

# Second Annual Route 66 "Chicken Run" !

April 25, 2004

Marge and Bob Greenlee have graciously offered to sponsor the second annual "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 pm for refreshment and munchies and then convoy over to Dell Rhea's around 4:30 pm for a real home-style dinner.

Call Marge and Bob at 630-369-1348 to let them know you are coming or you can email them at : [rlgreenlee@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rlgreenlee@worldnet.att.net)

**MAPQUEST MAPS SHOWING THE GREENLEE'S HOUSE AND DELL RHEA'S CHICKEN BASKET ARE ON THE REVERSE.**

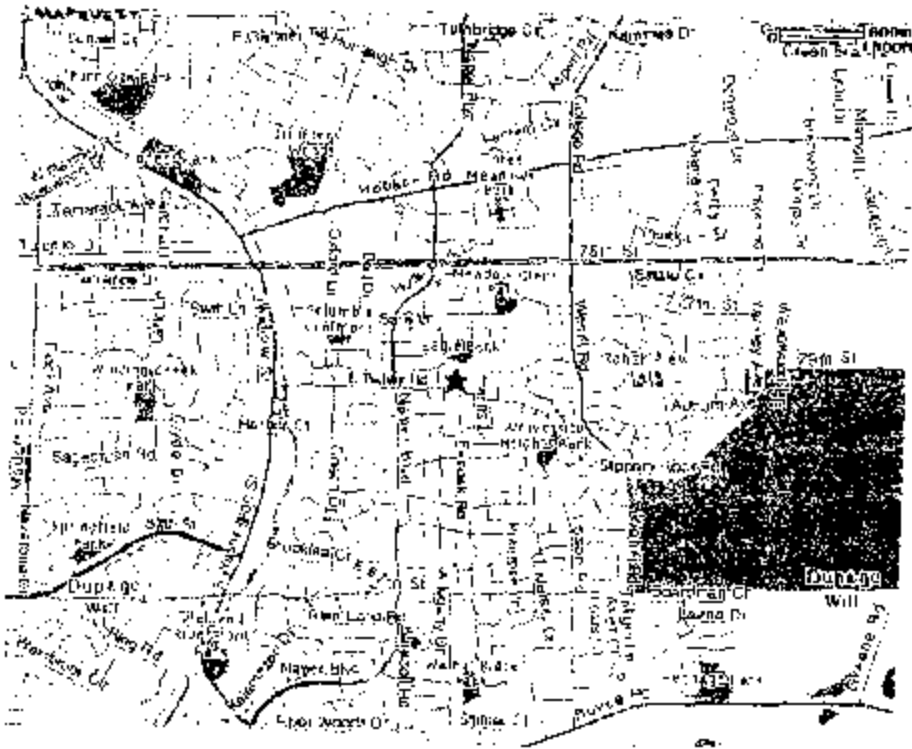
We will have a photo op at the restaurant so lets get a lot of Mets out there !

Pictures of last year's Chicken Run are on the Illini Mets website :

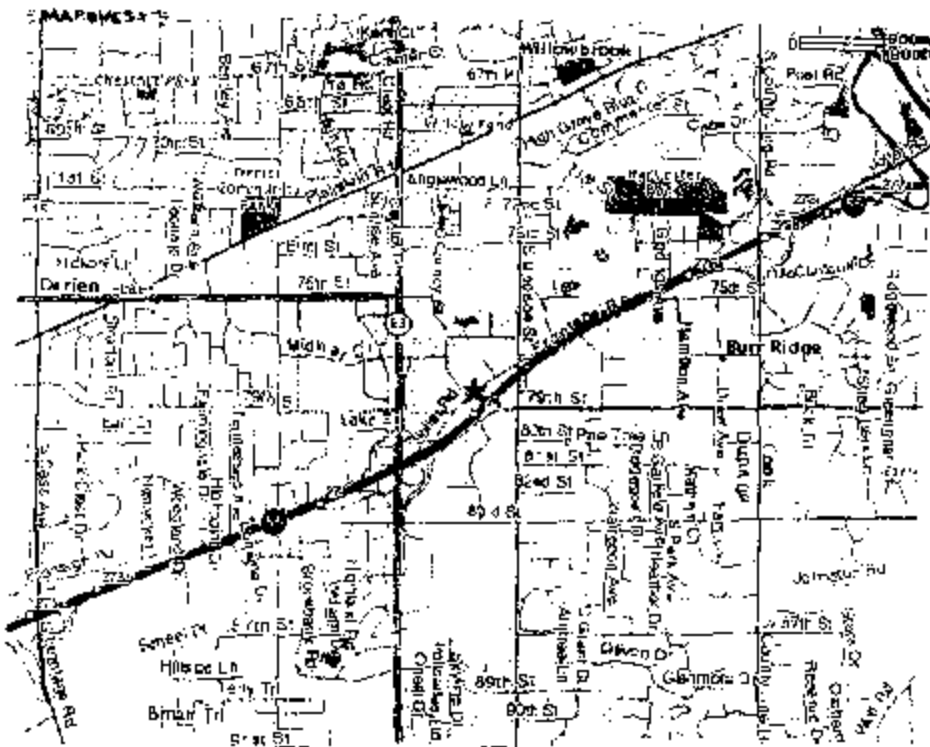
[illinimets.tripod.com](http://illinimets.tripod.com)



## Greenlee's House



## Dell Rhea's Chicken Basket



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

# ILLINI MET CLUB TECHNICAL SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2004

11 am till ?

The Tech Session will be held at

**Larry Claypool's Vair Shop**  
21403 S. 80th Ave.  
Frankfort, Illinois

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WORK DONE  
ON YOUR MET AT THE TECH SESSION -**

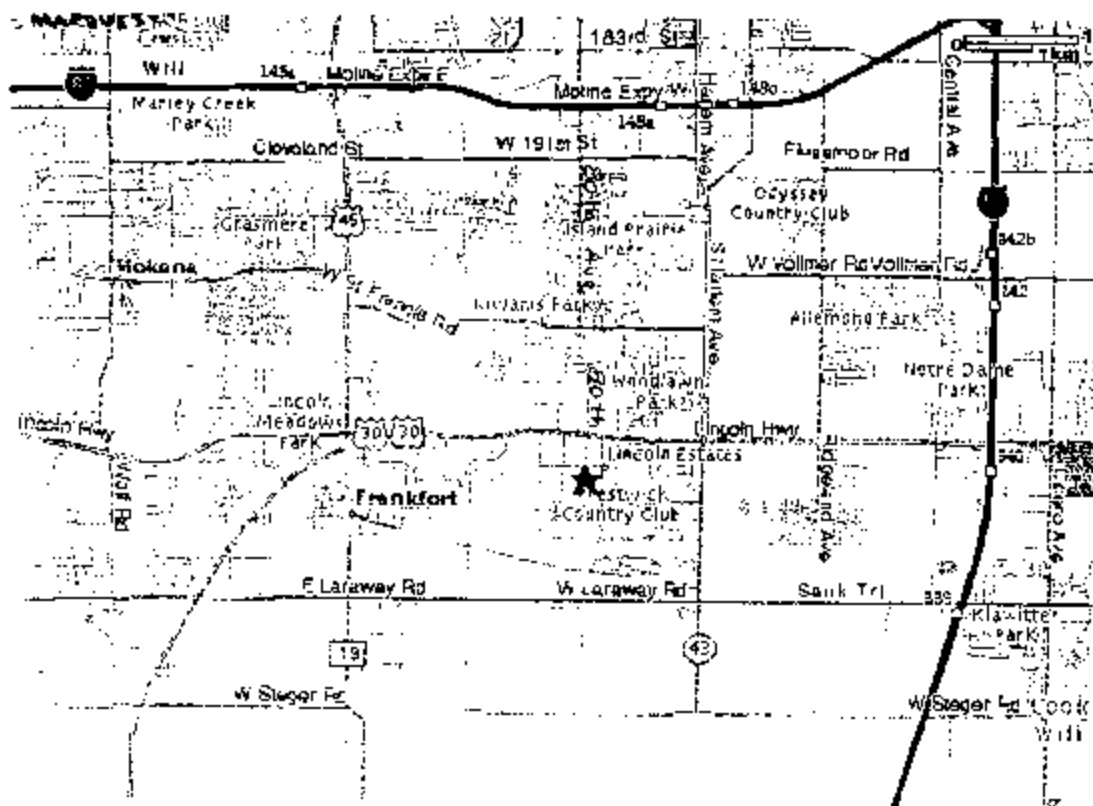
**CALL LARRY CLAYPOOL SOON**

**TO DISCUSS THE WORK AND TO DETERMINE  
IF ANY PARTS NEED TO BE PURCHASED, ETC.**

Larry Claypool : 815-469-2936

*Bring a dish to pass for lunch.*

*Call Gail Brandys to coordinate food.  
630-325-2083*



MINUTES  
ILLINI METS CHAPTER  
MARCH 6, 2004

The 1<sup>st</sup> membership meeting of the year was held on Saturday, March 6, 2004, at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield, IL. Those members present were Gary Bosselman, Mike & Laila Potts, Ric Diehl, Bob & Marge Greenlee, Jim & Fran Hill, Gail & Bob Brandys, Ema McDuffee, Pat & Bob Dennison, & Lowell & Karen St Clair.

President Gary Bosselman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Gary introduced one of our newest members, Ric Diehl, to the club.

Secretary Karen St. Clair gave an update on our club membership. The club has close to 90 members but usually only sees a fraction of them at events. We do have a strong base of around 10-20 members that do participate in the events for the year. Karen also gave the Treasury report.

A drawing was held for the **FREE LUNCH** and **Fran Hill** was the winner.

Concerning Old Business:

Gary thanked everyone for coming to the 2003 Xmas party that was held in South Beloit, Illinois at the Ramada Inn. Thanks go to **Rosey Bosselman** for organizing the whole event. Our 2004 Xmas party will be held December 4th at the Greenlee's with the Potts' assistance.

The January Executive Board meeting was held at Culvers Restaurant in Peru, Illinois, on January 18<sup>th</sup>. The Schedule of Events was discussed and the following events for members to attend are planned for 2004.

April 26, 2004	Chicken Run at Greenlees/Route 66 - Rain date: May 2nd
May 15, 2004	Tech Session at Claypool's Garage, Frankfort
June 6, 2004	ILLINI Mets 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Picnic (Location TBA)
July 11, 2004	All British Car Show/ Rockford area
July 29-31, 2004	Central Regional MET Meet, Hastings, Minnesota
Aug. 15, 2004	Orphan Car Show/ Aurora, IL. (Korthauer/Hardy)
Sept. 12, 2004	Chicagoland British Car Show in Palos Hills, IL
October 9, 2004	Fall Colors Tour/ Bosselman's/ (Time TBA)
November 6, 2004	Membership Meeting/ Winfield, IL
Dec. 4, 2004	Xmas Party at the Greenlee's/ Naperville, IL

Concerning New Business:

A motion was made & 2nd to donate \$100 to the Central Regional Meet to help defray expenses of the meet. Karen will send the check with a letter to the host chapter from Minnesota. Several members discussed making up some METROBILLA Baskets to donate from our chapter, too, for the Chinese Auction.

Gary mentioned that the museum in Kenosha, Wisconsin is looking for a '54 Hudson Met to display. Any one having or wanting to display their '54 Hudson Met should contact him.

Bob Greenlee has happened upon a source for Master Brake or Clutch Cylinders for an unbelievable price. Contact Bob or Gary Bosselman if interested.

Karen has contacted the company that made up our club polo shirts about adding the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary script to our logo. The price is still the same as the regular shirts and an order blank will be in the next Newsletter if anyone is interested in getting one.

Gary is working on some new club stationery. Dick Bilek, longtime ILLINI METS member and designer of the club's original stationery, has generously loaned the club his original photo in order to get more stationery made up.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karen St. Clair/ Secretary

### Highway 61 METs

Diecast Direct met with John Reilly from Iowa and used his MET as a guide for their new 1:18 scale model. They come in three colors. Red & White, Teal & White, and Yellow & White with a black top.

As of 1/24/04 there are only 146 of the limited number of Yellow & White METs left.



Only 504 **Yellow** METs were manufactured. These cars are beautiful in every detail. MET owners will want them for your collection. You can order your METs from:

Diecast Direct. \$49.95 or all 3 for \$124.95  
1 800-718-1866 plus shipping.  
www.diecastdirect.com

### METROPOLITAN Keychain

Gorgeous Metropolitan Key Chain with "M" in Air Flyte script. Just right to keep up with the Keys for your Little MET!

Available for \$5 plus shipping

Contact **Rhonda Gelstein**

(248) 698-9195

Email:

rmgestein@comcast.net



### EMBROIDERED ITEMS

Denim Shirts, Blue or Natural, Long or short sleeve,

1 Met on front **\$19**

1 Met on front, 5 on back, any color, any model, **\$50** (I have one & it's beautiful)

**Shrley Logas**

19643 Cedar Dr.

Cedar, MN 55011

(736) 434-5667

### MET TOW BAR

Here is a customized Tow Bar designed especially for towing a MET. It fits conveniently in the front "eye's or hook's" of the MET for easy towing. It is reinforced for extra strength.



For more information or pictures, e-mail Wayne Metz at: wayne@Metzmets.com. \$225 plus shipping.

### Videotape of the 2003 MOCNA Meet

The Mitten METs are having a professionally produced videotape of the 2003 Meet in Detroit put together. **The video's are \$12.00** each, including shipping. If you would like one, contact:

**Diana Hawkinson**

20650 Breezewood Ct.

Beverly Hills, MI 48025

(248) 646-4284

email: hawksmet@juno.com



### Add a 'One of a kind' Gourd MET to your MET Collection

Want something unique that is quite a conversation piece? Send a photo of your MET to **Nancy Gnepper**, 25210 W. Chiricahua, New River, AZ 85087.

Nancy will hand paint a picture of YOUR MET on a Gourd. The Gourds will vary in size from 8 inches to 12 inches, depending upon availability. The photo along with the Gourd will be shipped to you within 5 weeks. **\$45 including shipping**

## **WOW I MORE NEW MEMBERS !**

The Illini Met Club would also like to welcome  
these new members . . .

Kathleen & Joseph Blean of Bartlett, IL

Pamela & Ernest Iannetta of Elmhurst, IL

Michael & Melissa Shields of Gurnee, IL

Mike & Betty Jacobson of Sun Prairie, WI

(Mike and Betty are also the Treasurer/Membership Leaders of MOCNA)

*We are looking forward to seeing all of you at future  
Illini Met events !*