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Illini Mets Newsletter

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CORRECTION: I labeled the previous newsletter "Volume 26." It actually is in Volume 27. Thank you Karen St. Clair for correcting this! -John Teschky

President's Page

This will be my last President's Page for the Illini Chapter. Because no other nomination was received, other than the following people, we did not send out ballots.

The new officers will be:
 Bob Greenlee, *President*
 Mike Potts, *Vice President*
 Marge Greenlee, *Secretary/Treasurer*.

Please give Bob, Mike and Marge all your support. I know the Chapter is in good hands. Thank you for volunteering to lead the Chapter for the next few years.

I also want to thank the out-going officers who have faithfully served the Chapter for many years. Lowell and Karen, thanks for making the last several years so much fun.

Last but not least, Gail Brandys has turned over the Editors duty to John Teschky. Thank you John for volunteering to do this and thank you for the great website. Thank you Gail for great newsletter for the last several years.

The plans for the 2007 MOCNA International Meet being co-hosted by the Illini Mets and the Wisconsin Met Set is proceeding along slowly for now. Lowell, Karen and I will be the HOSTS, and we are working together to iron out some early details. We will meet with the WI Met Set the end of this month to have a planning meeting. I will make a formal presentation to the MOCNA Board of Directors and Officers this July in Astoria, OR.

With the cold and rainy weather, we have held off with the May cruise to Cascade Drive Inn. Our next official event will be June 12, 2005, the official Chicken Run. See our webpage (www.illinimets.org) for the latest events and details.

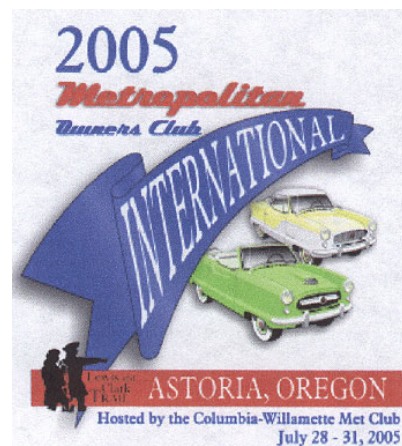
May 2nd, I took our 54 Metropolitan up to the Kenosha History Center for the summer. They have a 50's display with several Nashes, and they asked to borrow the car for a few months. If you are looking for something to do some weekend, take a short drive up to Kenosha, WI and visit the History Center.

Lastly, thank you to all the Illini Mets members for letting me lead the chapter for the last few years. It's been a lot of fun always visiting with friends. I have met some wonder people and made some lasting friendships over those years. Please give the new officers all the same support you extended me. See ya around, in a Met of course.

Gary Bosselman

Editor's Note: To me, Gary is a living example of the Metropolitan spirit: humble, friendly, efficient, intelligent, and hard working. He seems always willing to lend his expertise and elbow-grease to anybody. Thank you for gracing all who meet you, Gary.

Gary is the owner of Roscoe Restoration (www.roscoe-restoration.com).



Metropolitans for Cancer Research



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Hello Met or Vintage Car Fan!

As you may, or may not know; cancer has deeply impacted my life in the last several years. In 1999 my father was diagnosed with tongue cancer at a very advanced stage. Against all odds he's still with us today, but it has required several very major surgeries, chemo, radiation, and more other things than I can begin to relate.

My namesake Aunt Rhonda was diagnosed with Ovarian cancer several years ago. It has now come back for the 3rd time in several places and she is again going through her treatment process.

On January 23, 2005 my dearest cousin Danette lost her battle with breast and brain cancer. She was 40 years old and left behind 3 children and a husband. She battled her cancer for several years, but in the end it took over her whole body.

Our family and church decided to honor Dani's memory by forming a Relay for Life team to raise

funds for the American Cancer Society. Our team is called "Dani's Dancers".

Danette loved to dance! On her deathbed Dani said she wanted to be on God's Dance Team in heaven. I know today she is dancing for joy before the Lord. Our team goal is to raise a minimum of \$10,000.00 for cancer research.

Cancer has become the #1 killer in the United States. Chances are each one of you knows someone who has been afflicted by cancer -- or perhaps you yourself have battled it.

Why Metropolitans for Cancer Research? WELL - on the days of the rally we are using Metropolitans as a fund raiser. We will be taking pictures of people sitting in the Mets for a fee. I am also working on establishing an annual car show starting next year to raise money for cancer research.

I will personally be taking a collection can to all car shows we attend this year to collect money for our Relay for Life team. Watch for an article and photos of this to run in the Mitten Mets news-

letter and hopefully the *Met Gazette* and the Erie Shores Region newsletter.

I'm hoping my fellow Met owners and vintage car fans will help in this effort. You can go to my Relay for Life website at:

<http://www.acsevents.org/relay/mi/berriensprings/rmgelstein> and make a direct donation, or print off a form to mail in.

Your donation is, of course, tax deductible if you are in the United States. Several of our friends in other countries have made donations as well -- much to my surprise and delight.

Please feel free to pass this email along to any other car lovers on your email list. Car people truly are the best ones out there as we have discovered over and over again. I apologize if this email upset you - and this will be the only one of this type you will receive from me.

Thank you for taking the time to read this ... and have a wonderful summer "Car Cruisin'" season.

Rhonda Gelstein

Newsletter Content

Do you have a technical tip you'd like to share with Illini Mets members?

A great Metropolitan story?

An opinion regarding the Illini Mets you would like to express?

Please email newsletter submissions to John Teschky at teschky@comcast.net



Image Supplied by Gary Bosselman. The Met is in the middle of the parking spots.

Tentative 2005 Illini Mets Event Schedule

 DENOTES OFFICIAL ILLINI METS EVENT


Illini Mets Drive-In Night, June, 2005 Cruise to Steak & Shake or Augustino's and then to the [Cascade Drive-In](#), West Chicago. Please watch the website (www.IlliniMets.org) for updates.

ChiTown Kruze, June 4, 2005, www.chitownkruze.com (Please note date change).

Illini Mets Chicken Run, June 12, 2005. Departing from Bob and Marge Greenlee's Metropolitan Nest in Naperville, and arriving at a chicken joint somewhere!

Frankfort Car Show, July 31, 2005, downtown Frankfort. Registration 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Registratiion is required. Please check www.villageoffrankfort.com/ for more information, closer to the event date.

Metropolitan Owner's Club of North America (MOCNA) International Meet, July 23-31, 2005 Astoria, Oregon


 **Ophan Auto Picnic**, August 21, 2005, 11am to Dusk. Hosted by Illini Mets members Rick Korthauer and Mark Hardy. The Orphan Auto Picnic is held in Aurora, Illinois on Route 25 between Indian Trail and Illinois Avenue, on the banks of the beautiful Fox River. www.ccecorvair.com/OAP/index.html

British Car Festival, September 11, 2005, THE British car show in this area! A must-attend event. Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, Illinois. www.britishcarunion.com

Lake Geneva Classic Car Rally, September 24-25, 2005. www.classiccarrally.org

2005 America's British Reliability Run, October 1-2, 2005. www.mibrr.org

Illini Mets Johnny Appleseed Run, October 8, 2005

 **Membership Meeting**, November 5 or 6, 2005. 1pm to 3-ish. Oakfield Family Restaurant, Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Rd, Winfield, 60190 - (630) 690-3303

Christmas Party, December 3, 2005, Hosted by Bob and Gail Brandys, Hinsdale, IL

Welcome New Members Scott & Janet Hartwig (#190)

Thank you, Gail Brandys, for supplying this bit of Metropolitan humor. >>>>>>>>>>>>

what if...



Text by Al Wellikoff
 It's rumored that somewhere deep in the bowels of the old AMC headquarters on Plymouth Road in Detroit, a group of stylists have hunkered down and refused to move with the times—or the corporation—when they recently moved to their new world headquarters outside Detroit. These traditionalists, it's said, have designed an entire line of AMC cars for the

Drawing by Alan Rose
 eighties, drawing on the company's experience of building small cars for nearly thirty years. One of their priority projects, according to the source who supplied this styling sketch, is the revival of the Metropolitan.
 Is this the replacement for the Pacer? No one around AMC will admit the existence of this group, let alone confirm or deny the possibility of a revived Met. But, what if...

Minutes
Illini Mets Chapter
March 5, 2005

The business meeting was held on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield, Illinois. Members present were Gary Bosselman, Lowell & Karen St.Clair, Fran & Jim Hill, Emily Darak, Etta & Ken McDuffee, Bob & Marge Greenlee, Bob & Gail Brandys. Todd Reul, creator of "The Met Set", an inside story of the Metropolitan, was the guest speaker for the meeting.

President Gary Bosselman welcomed everyone to the meeting and also introduced Todd Ruel, our guest speaker, to the members. Karen St.Clair gave the Treasurer's report and an update on membership.

Concerning Old Business:

Gary gave a review of the 2004 club Xmas party held at White Fence Farm Restaurant & the Greenlees home. He thanked the Greenlees & the Potts for making all the arrangements. The Brandys have volunteered to host the 2005 Xmas party at their home in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Gary also told the members about the Front end seminar that was held at his garage on January 29th. The turnout was very good and everyone really thought that the tech session was very helpful.

Concerning New Business:

Karen reminded everyone that the Nomination ballots for club elections should be returned to her by April 1, 2005. At this time, she has received unanimous nominations for Bob Greenlee for President, Mike Potts for Vice-President, & Marge Greenlee for Secretary/ Treasurer. If no further nominations are received then the 3 nominated persons will automatically be elected to the offices without the need for a ballot election.

Gary went over a few of the upcoming events for March/ Brake Tech session, April/ Electrical Tech session, & May/ Cruise & Drive-In. He also reminded members of the upcoming **International Meet in Astoria, Oregon, 2006 Central Regional Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska, & the 2007 International Meet in Rockford, Illinois, hosted by our ILLINI METS club & the Wisconsin Met Set Club.** Lowell & Karen St.Clair will Co-chair the event with Gary. Work has already started on a T shirt design so shirts can be sold at the 2005 Oregon International Meet. There will also be a future scheduled meeting with our new ILLINI Mets officers & the Met Set club to assign committees for the Meet.

Members were reminded to let Newsletter Editor, John Teschky, know if they want to receive the club newsletter by email to help save on postage expense.

Bob Brandys offered some Met parts "FREE" to the members that he had brought along to the meeting.

The members also got to watch a video of the Miss America Parade 2004 on the Atlantic City boardwalk that used 50 METS for the contestants to individually ride in for the parade.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen St.Clair Secretary

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"Be it ever so humble..."

Illini Mets Database Project and Online Newsletter

Are you online, and would like to get Illini Mets information via email?

Gail Brandys is updating the Illini Mets membership database, adding email addresses.

If you would like your email address added to your contact information, please email Gail at metmom@safety-epa.com.

Please include your name, preferred email address, and whether you would like to be added to and Illini Mets email announcement list.

Also, please let us know if you would like to receive the Illini Mets newsletter online, for you to download and print via your computer. If you choose this option, you will save the club printing and postage costs.

Chicago Welcomes Inaugural 'Chi-Town Sta-Bil Kruse'

The first of its kind, The Chi-Town STA-BIL Kruse, is set for Saturday, June 4th, 2005. Owners of up to 2,000 collector cars are expected to take part in a rare opportunity to cruise along historic Lake Shore Drive. The participating cars will create a loop from Montrose to 31st Street as they drive alongside local traffic showcasing their nostalgia. The cars will then gather after the cruise at Soldier Field for an awesome Collector Car Show perfect for the entire family.

While the Kruse is free and open to all road-approved vehicles, there is a \$20 registration fee to participate in the show at Soldier Field and it is limited to the first 750 "pre-1980" cars. The car show portion is open to spectators for only \$5 and children under 12 are free! There will be ample parking for both participants and spectators-for more information call 773.662.6445 ext. 13. The Kruse begins at 8am and lasts until 10am. The Car Show runs from 11am to 3pm. <http://www.chitownkruse.com/>

Some Cruising Destinations for Metters

- Lewis & Clark State Historic Site, Hartford, IL: <http://www.campdubois.com/> (Suggested by Gary Bosselman)
- Anderson Japanese Gardens, Rockford, IL: <http://www.andersongardens.org/> (Suggested by John Teschky)