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# BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE...

The Illini Mets, The Illinois Chapter of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America



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## Contributing This Quarter:

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's near the end of March which means one quarter of the year is almost over already. The weather is starting to break and we have had some rain to wash the salt off the roads. On March 7<sup>th</sup> we held our meeting at the Oakfield Family Restaurant in Winfield. We had 20 members at the meeting plus 2 guests of the Hills. When we finished our club meeting, we welcomed to our club 2 new members Diane and Cliff Rosko from Valparaiso, Indiana. The Rosko's had just purchased a Metropolitan a couple weeks before the meeting. Welcome to the both of you to the Illini Mets. The Secretary/Treasurer

reports were read by Marge G. After that Gary B. gave an update of the Mets, Micro's and Mini's show in August. This is a combination show and **you need to register for both shows.** Registration forms are available to download from the Micro/Mini Car World ([www.worldmeet2010.org](http://www.worldmeet2010.org)) and the Illini Mets ([www.illinimets.org](http://www.illinimets.org)) and the MOCNA ([www.MOCNA.us](http://www.MOCNA.us)) websites.

There will be planning meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> at noon for the 3 M's show at the Oakfield Restaurant. Next we went through our calendar of events for this year which is included in this newsletter. Please note the dates listed and update your calendars. Please check our website for any updates and changes that will popup.

For those who haven't gotten up to date on their

dues, please do so soon. They are due in January of each year. If anyone needs some help with their Met and wants to get a tech session going please call me and we will get that help to get your Met going. See you at the meeting in April.

Bob Greenlee



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

For any questions, contact Bob and Marge for any questions at [rigreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rigreenlee@wowway.com) (Bob Greenlee) or [margsmet@wowway.com](mailto:margsmet@wowway.com) (Marge Greenlee). Thanks!

## PROFILES IN 'MET-BERSHIP'

Pam and Ernie Iannotta from Elmhurst, IL

**How they got their Met** In 1993, they took their small boys to the Wisconsin Dells for a weekend at the water parks. In the parking lot of the hotel was a Met convention/gathering. They had a lot of fun looking at all the cars (about 50 cars). Ernie always wanted Pam to share in his love of old cars. As the weekend progressed, Pam mentioned several times that the Met was a car she could LOVE! She joked that since they were rare and that Ernie would have ten years to find one for her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. She never gave it much thought because they never saw that many for sale. On one of her birthdays, Ernie bought her a model of a black and white Met and Pam put it in her office.

In September 2003, Pam was planning a 'High Tea' for her girlfriends in celebration of her 50<sup>th</sup>. Ernie said he was going with his friends from the Impala Club to the annual Auburn Cord Dusenberg auction in Indiana and would be gone overnight. Ernie goes to various shows throughout the year so Pam thought nothing of it. Ernie returned a day and a half later and said everything worked out fine. Later that night a neighbor invited the Iannottas for pizza and when Pam walked out of their house to go home, her Met was on the back of a trailer sitting in front! Ernie did not go to Indiana, he had actually driven to Pennsylvania by himself and picked up the car which he bought on eBay. The car had been owned by a man who had passed away a few years earlier. Naturally Pam was shocked and excited. It is a 1956 Caribbean Blue and White convertible in fairly good condition.

The Iannottas did attend the 2007 International Meet in Rockford. They drove their Met to Rockford and as they approached the exit, they lost a crank pulley. Their engine light came on and they basically coasted into the parking lot of the hotel. They put the hood up and within minutes experienced members were helping Ernie fix the problem. What could have been a major disaster turned into a repair lesson. They were 'humbled' by the help and support they received from guys they never met.

Their favorite style of Met is the convertible. They like the teal, black & white, red & white.

Ernie and Pam reside in Elmhurst. Ernie is an Accountant for PriceWaterhouse Coopers and Pam is a retired Sales Executive now freelancing on various sales and marketing projects. They have two sons, Giancarlo and Marco. A little known fact is that Ernie earned his scuba license.

Over the years, Ernie has had several cars ('65 Chevrolet SS 409 convertible, Apache truck and vintage Vespa scooter. In 2006 he sold a '65 Chevrolet 327 convertible on eBay and shipped it to Sweden.

They like the Met because it is totally unique! Most people have never seen one. At shows they have heard so many great Met stories. Until they see the Met, most people have totally forgotten about them.



**2010 Calendar of Events**

- April 25**      **Mets, Micros and Minis Planning meeting** to discuss Regional Meet (Mets, Micros and Minis), noon at Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL (630) 690-3303
- May 30**      **39th Annual Sandwich Antique Auto Show & Swap Meet**, 8am to 3pm, hosted by Silver Spring Chapter AACA. Contact: Bob 815-498-2433 or email: [robron32@juno.com](mailto:robron32@juno.com) at the Sandwich Fairgrounds, Sandwich, IL
- June 6**      **Mets, Micros and Minis Planning meeting** to wrap up discussion of Regional Meet (Mets, Micros and Minis) in McHenry at Hampton Inn. The meeting will be at 1pm with lunch before – RSVP to Gary at (815) 389-9500 or [gary@roscoe-restoration.com](mailto:gary@roscoe-restoration.com)
- June 18-19**      **St. Andrew Society Highland Games & Scottish Festival** at 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Be there at 8am if you are showing your car. You need to register and can get the form at their webpage. Oak Brook Polo Grounds, Oak Brook, IL or <http://www.chicago-scots.org/>
- June 26**      **Illini Mets 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary at the Lake at the Novaks** in Sandwich, IL at 10am. The meats will be provided by the Novaks and please bring a dish to pass around. 843 Holiday Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548 (815) 498-4224 (Rain date June 27)
- June 27**      **Bloomington Gold Survivor Show** at Pheasant Run Convention Center, St. Charles, IL  
<http://www.survivorcollectorcar.com/>
- July 4**      **Oak Lawn 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** in Oak Lawn, IL. If interested in joining parade, please email Bob Greenlee at [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com) (Rain date July 5)
- July 17**      **Outing at the Cascade Drive-In** 6:30 pm to ?  
Meet at Augustino's Rock and Roll Deli at 6:30 pm  
300 W North Ave, West Chicago, IL (630) 293-8602 or <http://augustinos.com/>  
Then to Cascade Drive-In  
1100 E North Ave, West Chicago, IL (630) 231-3151 or <http://www.cascadedrivein.com/>
- July 25**      **Forest Preserve Picnic**    Location TBA
- August 1**      **Illinois Railway Museum Outing** at 8:00 am at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, IL (815) 923-4000 or (800) BIG-RAIL or <http://www.irm.org/>
- August 6,7 and 8**      **Das Awkscht Fest** in Macungie, PA. If interested in attending, contact Gary Bosselman at (815) 389-9500 or [gary@roscoe-restoration.com](mailto:gary@roscoe-restoration.com)  
<http://www.awkscht.com/>
- August 19-22**      **Mets, Micros and Minis Regional Car Meet** in Crystal Lake, IL (see flyer included)
- August 29**      **20th Annual Orphan Auto Picnic** at 10:00 am (see flyer included) Kendall County Fairgrounds (877) COR-VAIR or <http://www.ccecorvair.com/OAP/> (no rain date)
- September 12**      **Sandwich Fair** in Sandwich, IL (815) 786-2159 or <http://www.sandwichfair.com/>
- September 19**      **Greenlee's End of Summer Picnic** at 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Bob & Marge Greenlee, 819 E Bailey Road, Naperville, IL (630) 369-1348 or [rlgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rlgreenlee@wowway.com) or [margsmet@wowway.com](mailto:margsmet@wowway.com) Please bring a dish – Meat will be provided
- October 10**      **Fall Color Tour and Apple Run** at 10:00 am, SHARP  
Meet at Gary Bosselman's Home, 6812 E Rockton Road, Roscoe, IL (815) 389-9500 or [gary@roscoe-restoration.com](mailto:gary@roscoe-restoration.com)
- October 17**      **Apple Picking and lunch** TBA
- November 7**      **Membership Meeting** at noon  
Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL (630) 690-3303
- January 2011**      **Holiday Party** TBA



Illini Mets will be hosting a MOCNA Regional event - 'Mets, Micros and Minis August 20-22, 2010. It will be held in conjunction of the 'Micro/Mini Car World Meet' in Crystal Lake, IL. This is a two-day show, so please plan on attending both days. Our Mets will be included in the Micro/Mini classes and will be eligible for Micro/Mini trophies at the Saturday night Awards presentation. We will have our own Metropolitan "Peoples Choice" and "Concours" Judging with our trophy presentation at noon Sunday. If you plan to have your car Concours judged, please notify Rex Hamil at 248-666-9455 or Gary Bosselman at 815-389-9500 prior to the meet.

We will start our festivities on Thursday night August 19th, 2010 with a welcome reception. Friday, August 20, 2010 will include a driving tour of Northern Illinois, Southern Wisconsin, stops at some car museums and lunch along the way someplace. As the date approaches, a final schedule will be announced. Saturday and Sunday will be the show in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

T-shirts for the Illini Mets Regional Meet are for sale now. **BUY YOURS BEFORE THE EVENT!** They are \$15. Please contact Marge Greenlee to purchase your t-shirt.

We have reserved 45 rooms at the Hampton Inn, 1555 S. Route 31, McHenry, Illinois 60050. Please call 815-578-1900 to reserve your rooms before July 20, 2010. After that date, rooms will be first come, first serve. This hotel is about 10 miles north of the show field in Crystal Lake.

**To participate in the MOCNA Regional Meet, you must register for both the MOCNA Regional Meet and the Micro/Mini Car World Meet.**

You can check out the Micro Minicar World Meet at [www.worldmeet2010.com](http://www.worldmeet2010.com).

Questions? Please call:  
Gary Bosselman at 815-389-9500  
Bob Greenlee at 630-369-1348





# SPECIAL CAR, TRUCK & BIKE CLUB NIGHTS!

## 2010 SEASON CAR CLUB CRUISE NIGHTS!

- Saturday, APRIL 24th
- Saturday, MAY 22nd
- Friday, MAY 28th
- Saturday, JUNE 12th

Designated Car, Truck & Motorcycle Club Tailgating begins at 4:00pm in the Sears Centre parking lot! Come show off your classic or custom vehicle to thousands of Chicago Slaughter fans!

Video feed of showcase cars & bikes on the jumbotron screen inside the Sears Centre!  
Post game autographs with the coaches, players & cheerleaders down on the field!

Great Ticket Discounts for Car, Truck & Bike Clubs, & their Families & Friends!



5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60192  
www.searscentre.com

## Any Interest???

Holiday Party

The holiday party took place on Saturday, January 23. We saw 'Mike Toomey's TV and Me'. We started with dinner and, of course, the food was delicious. Then to the show. Mike Toomey brought back many memories of '60's and '70's television.



Mike Toomey's TV & Me Event (pictured above: Bob & Marge Greenlee, Laila & Mike Potts, Ken & Joanne Wawrzyniak, Mark Materna & Emily Darak, Jim & Fran Hill and John and Laurie Winston)



**Don't forget to mark your calendars....**

**Windy City AMC Club Annual Meeting at 12:00pm, Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> at:  
Portillo's  
531 N Randall Rd  
Batavia, IL  
If you have any questions, contact Bob DeCosta, 630-542-2807 cell or  
bobbyd911@yahoo.com**

**The Mets, Micros and Minis Planning Meeting on April 25, 2010 at NOON  
at the Oakfield Family Restaurant  
27W229 Geneva Road  
Winfield, IL  
630-690-3303**



**\*\*\*\*\* 2010 Dues Reminder \*\*\*\*\***

Don't forget to pay your 2010 membership dues! Mail them to Marge Greenlee.





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<http://www.chickiesdiner.com/index.html>

Sister and Brother team Jacque Trick and Gary Trick have created a "destination" diner for the entire family. We will take you back to the 50's, come experience delicious food and a fun atmosphere for the entire family.



## BITS & PIECES



### Items to Purchase

**NEW ON SALE!** Illini Mets **Regional Meet** t-shirts are for sale. The event isn't until August, but be the first on your block to have the event shirt. They are \$15 and you can purchase them from Marge Greenlee.

Don't forget to buy your Vroomers. Vroomers are slippers that look like Mets. So you show your love of the Met by purchasing Vroomers and wear your Mets on your feet! Go check out her website [www.vroomersonline.com](http://www.vroomersonline.com). She now has Robot slippers!



## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Spring is finally here and here's hoping that we can all get our Mets out soon for the many events we have scheduled for 2010. I am hoping to actually go to more events this year and

not be a bystander. The weather seems to be getting better. Happy Easter or Passover to all. I hope you enjoy many chocolate eggs. Again, if you know anyone willing to help us out with

color copies, give me a call at 773-206-9607 or email me at [erd1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erd1@sbcglobal.net).



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