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# BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE...

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



## Special Interest Articles:

- Does it Float?
- Survivor Car Show
- Regional Meet in August

## Contributing This Quarter:

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The end of July is in sight and the Mets, Micros & Minis Regional Meet is less than a month away. The planning and preparations for the MMM Regional Meet are going well. This has not been a good year for car shows, picnics, meets and cruise nights with all the weather issues. I know of one promoter who has been rained out at least 14 times so far this year. Marge and I have had our cars out only once so far - that's way less than normal for us. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate for the rest of the year. There are three upcoming events for the month of August. The first is the Vintage Transport Extravaganza at the Illinois Railway Museum in Union, Illinois on August 1st. On August 19-22 is the Mets, Micros Minis Regional Meet in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Last but not least, is the Orphan show at the Kendall County Fairgrounds. In September, we have the Sandwich Fair Auto Show and the Greenlee End of Summer Picnic at our house. I hope to see as many of you as possible at these events. I have

been informed that there are several members who still have not paid their dues yet. They are due in January of each year, so please try to get them in as soon as you can. Thanks!!

Bob Greenlee



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

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

## IT'S A BOAT, IT'S A CAR – IT'S AN AMPHI-CAR

I attended the Survivor Show at Bloomington Gold on June 27, 2010. There were no Met's there this year. But there was a car there that spectators usually assume the Met is. Yes, the car that WILL float – the Amphi-Car.

It was odd that the owner kept wiping it off since it is an amphibious automobile. Here is a little background on the Amphi-Car from Wikipedia.

*The Amphicar is an amphibious automobile, the first such vehicle mass-produced for sale to the public starting in 1961. The German vehicle was designed by Hanns Trippel and manufactured by the Quandt Group at Lübeck and at Berlin-Borsigwalde. Its name is a portmanteau of "amphibious" and "car". The Amphicar was designed to be marketed and sold in the USA. Compared to most boats or cars, its performance was modest, and only 4000 were produced by 1965. Nevertheless, it is still among the most successful amphibious civilian autos of all time, and still often prized and preserved as novelty collectible automobiles today.*

There was a beautiful Amphi-Car on display at the Survivor Show. I did not get to speak to the owner. However, I do have pictures to post below.



As you can see, there are some similarities between the Met and the Amphi-Car. However, the Met will only go in the water once.



Above is a picture of Gary Bosselman and two other Survivor Show judges at Bloomington Gold.

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

Don't forget to pay your 2010 membership dues! Mail them to Marge Greenlee. If your name is highlighted on your address label, you owe dues for 2010.



## JUNE PLANNING MEETING FOR METS, MICROS & MINIS REGIONAL MEET

We had a look at the spaces for the Regional Meet. We met at Culvers in Crystal Lake and had lunch. Then we went to the site of the Micro/Mini Car World Meet (which we will be holding our Regional Meet at). Then we went to the Hampton Inn in McHenry to check out the host hotel and have a brief meeting of duties and general concerns. Everyone is looking forward to this as a profitable fund raiser but also to get together and enjoy our Mets.



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

November Membership Meeting on November 7, 2010 at NOON  
 at the Oakfield Family Restaurant  
 27W229 Geneva Road  
 Winfield, IL  
 630-690-3303

Bring ideas for the Holiday Party!!!



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- 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 19-22** **Mets, Micros and Minis Regional Car Meet** in Crystal Lake, IL
- 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 [rgreenlee@wowway.com](mailto:rgreenlee@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.

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

Questions? Please call:  
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## BITS & PIECES



### 1957 Met for Sale

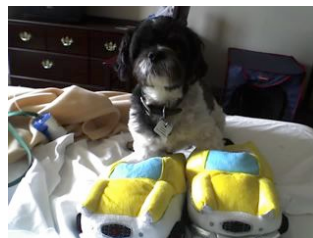
Bob and Pat Dennison of Springfield, Ill. have decided to sell their 1957 Metropolitan hardtop. It is sunburst yellow and frost white. Radial tires have been recently installed along with new carpet, headliner, muffler and tailpipe. The sun visors have been recovered with new material. The car has been converted to an alternator and has an AM/FM radio with cassette player. The chrome, glass, and brakes are all in excellent shape. And a slide on cargo carrier by M. Potts is also included. This Metropolitan has no rust on it. This Metropolitan has garage kept all of its life. Bob and Pat are asking 10k for the car. Their phone number is 217-523-6375, cell 217-341-1525.



### 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!



Even Ming has Vroomers

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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

Summer has been a challenge with the rain and the extreme heat. I was able to get the Met out a couple of times but not as much as I would like. The Regional Meet should be a lot of fun! I hope to see a lot of you there. I will be attending and acting as Event Photographer for the event, so be ready to get your picture taken! We will also be selling pictures of members with their cars (also other candid) at the Meet.

I have also started a new venture in selling couture costume jewelry with 'Stella & Dot'. If interested, please give me a call or you can visit my website at [www.stelladot.com/emilydarak](http://www.stelladot.com/emilydarak)

p.s. Plus I also still sell Avon, so if you need any Avon products, you can give me a call.

I hope everyone is Happy and Healthy this Summer.

Hope to see you soon!

Any stories, news, ads or contributions, or if you

may know a color printer that will give us good rates, give me a call at 773-622-0388 or email me at [erd1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erd1@sbcglobal.net).



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