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Contributing This Quarter:

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and Bob Greenlee

Message from the President

The 2013 Car season is upon us, it's time to get our Mets out of hibernation.

Our first meeting of the year was on March 3rd at Old Warsaw's. There were 16 of our members there to enjoy good food and plan for the New Year. After stuffing our self's we began our meeting. The secretaries/ treasurer reports were read by Marge Greenlee. Our club is in very good financial shape. Some new business was that this is an election year. The members present move to keep the current officers for another term.

The club dues are due at the beginning to the current year. Gary Bosselman presented some information about a MONCA meet in Springfield, IL. In 2014, more details to come. Next we started our calendar of events for 2013. A list of events is already on our website and will be in our newsletter. A couple of drawings were held for an, I love my car photo frame and a digital meter. These were won by John Judge and Bob Brandys respectively. Next a picture of Hardy's Truck Repair was presented to Mark Hardy in appreciation for his excellent work on our website.

See you all soon.
Bob Greenlee



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

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Thanks!

MOCNA 2013 International Meet

Another Successful International Meet is behind us. Several Illini Mets members ventured out to Lincoln Nebraska for a “warm” weekend of activities. Many of us arrived Wednesday afternoon, some Thursday. Friday night cruise to the Culvers across the street brought about 30-cars. Even with 99-degree weather. I counted 38-cars on the showfield Saturday.

One Concours car was judged this year. He was awarded a Silver.

We also judged for the first time original, unrestored Metropolitans. “Test of Time” Three cars were awarded the Test of Time award.

Those of you that were there, please send me pictures. Thanks Laila for these.

Gary



Mecum Auction, Indy 2013:

This year I brought two of my Metropolitans to the May Mecum Auction in Indianapolis. I had two customers of mine that also brought cars down, so it was a busy weekend helping out with all the cars. With my two, we had a total of seven cars auctioned off over four days.

I have watched the auctions on TV, walked through different auctions and looked at the cars, but have never actually “ran” a car thru.

I have known Dana Mecum for years; I also know many of the people who work for them. All very good, down to earth people.

Everybody hopes to hit a home run at the auction. Me included. I brought my 1954 Caribbean Blue Convertible and my 1961 Metropolitan Convertible with 10,139 miles on it. Original, Unrestored cars today are very much in demand, so I had hopes.

Cost? It's very expensive to run a car through auction. For “Prime” selling spots, they are \$1,000 each. Off times, is \$750 per car (like 10pm Wednesday night). The 54 was suppose to run at 5:30pm Thursday and the 1961 was suppose to run at 5:00pm Friday. Both Television times. Saturday prime time, TV time, is \$1,500 per car registered. You pay 7% commission on the sale of the car, the buyer also pays 7% buyers fee. Every car that sells gets 14% collected, plus the \$1,000 entry fee.

We brought the cars down on Sunday before the auction, checked them in, positioned them in the spots they would leave the building for the auctions. That weekend, over 2,500 cars were registered. It was quite a zoo!, but very well organized, lots of people helping position cars, etc. Everything went very smooth. We left the trailer in the lot and drove home that afternoon.

We drove back down Wednesday morning for the rest of the week. We had a car being auctioned Wednesday night, two on Thursday, two on Friday and two on Saturday. Jim's car sold Wednesday night, for average price. No home run.

Thursday afternoon, within a few minutes apart was the next two cars. My 54 were the second. We, I tried to stay by the car for most of the day to answer questions and get a feel if anybody was interested in the car. Lots of stories, my mother had one just like this, does it go in the water, etc. all day. About 3pm they started to move the cars out of the building inline for the auction, I walked behind to follow the car thru the process. Lots of lookers, questions, touch, feel just before it goes across the stage. Then it's show time...



As the car goes on stage, Frank Mecum comes up and asks where “the money is”. I tell him reserve is \$19,000, I might take \$16,000 and I knew there were a few interested people in the room. He turns and walks away. Never looks at the auctioneer, speaks, motions, just walks away. Bidding takes off, moves right up to \$15,000 then stops. Frank walks over and says “money ran out at \$13,000”. I did not sell, bid goes on. Car goes back to its parking spot for the rest of the weekend.... We go for supper. Hmm, how does the auctioneer know when to stop??

Friday, another two cars. First car early in the afternoon. Bids to \$225,000 does not sell (not mine). Mid afternoon a serious buyer for the 61 stands and talks for a long time. About 3:30pm the 61 moves out of the building, into the line. It starts raining, everybody moves inside. This might be good! Car moves slowly to the stage, car is finally in the building, LOTS of people, packed, loud, noisy. Car moves to stage. Mike comes over and ask’s “where’s the money”. I tell him \$40,000. He walks away, nothing said, no sign language, no eye contact with the auctioneer. Hmmm. Car bids quickly to \$30,000 then slowly to \$36,000 Mike comes over and says “it’s real money”. I tell him \$37,000 will buy it. Auctioneer looks at the last bidder, the fellow who stood and talked with me for so long, and said “\$37,000 will buy it” He shook his head yes, Milliseconds later, SOLD, SOLD, SOLD. Car is driven off stage into its old parking spot. We walk back thinking, what the hell did I just do!

Car went to a good home, Bloomington, Indiana. I took it down to him the next day, Saturday. A perfect spot, great surroundings, museum, good people. We were all happy!

Cost? I cleared \$34,620. Less \$1,000 entry fee. Less expenses hauling it down, hotels, \$6 bottles of Diet Coke (that normally sell for \$1), list goes on. But what’s the entertainment worth?

Anyways, Harold is gone. The lowest mileage, Original Unrestored Metropolitan known to exist has a new caretaker. Then two weeks later, I am looking at Ebay.... But that’s another story!!

Gary Bosselman

Ps. How do they know when to stop running the bid up? No talking with the ringman, no hand signs, do not look at each other... Yes the auctioneer can run the bid up to the reserve without any bidders! If the car has a reserve of \$300,000, the auctioneer can run the bid right up to \$299,000, when the last bidder dropped out at \$175,000. Makes ya wonder!!!

2013 July 4th Hinsdale Parade



***** 2013 Dues Reminder *****

Don't forget to pay your 2013 membership dues! Mail them to Marge Greenlee



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Schedule of Events 2013:

- **Saturday, July 13, 2013**
Picnic at [Blackwell Forest Preserve](#)
 - **Sunday, July 28, 2013**
[Illinois Region AACA Car Show](#)
[Cantigny Park](#), Wheaton, Illinois
 - **Sunday, August 4, 2013**
23rd Annual Vintage Transport Extravaganza
[Illinois Railway Museum](#)
Union, Illinois
815-923-4000 or 800-BIG-RAIL
 - **Sunday, August 18, 2013**
[Orphan Auto Picnic](#)
Kendall County Fairgrounds
 - **Saturday, August 24, 2013**
Movie Nite at [Cascade Drive-In](#)
Meet at [Augustino's](#) at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Sunday, September 8, 2013**
[Sandwich Fair and Auto Show](#)
Sandwich, Illinois
815-786-2159
 - **Sunday, September 15, 2013 • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**
[Car Show at Cantigny](#)
[Cantigny Park](#), Wheaton, Illinois
 - **Saturday, September 21, 2013**
End of summer picnic with Bob & Marge
 - **September 21, 2013 10am to 3pm**
Nash History Car Show
Sycamore History Society, 1730 N. Main St, Sycamore, IL
815-895-6518
Nash History Cars Only. Nash, Hudson, Metropolitan, American Motors and Jeep up to 1988. -
See more at:
http://www.carshowsusa.com/car_shows/illinois_car_shows.htm#sthash.7Nqzns2q.dpuf
 - **Saturday, October 5, 2013**
Fall Color Tour
Stay tuned for details
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- **Sunday, November 3, 2013, 12:00 Noon**
Membership Meeting
[Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant](#)
Broadview, Illinois
Please note that Daylight Saving Time ends today!
 - **Holiday Party**
Stay tuned for details
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Chicagoland Area Summer Cruise Nights

Monday	Westchester
Tuesday	Cozzi Corner
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Downers Grove
Saturday	Lombard
Sunday	Culver's in Schaumburg



Bits & Pieces

WANTED

I have bought another low mileage, unrestored car. Looking for:

- Late model rubber trunk mat.
- Late model Spare Tire Cover
- Original muffler and tailpipe

Call Gary Bosselman if you have any to sell. Top Dollar paid

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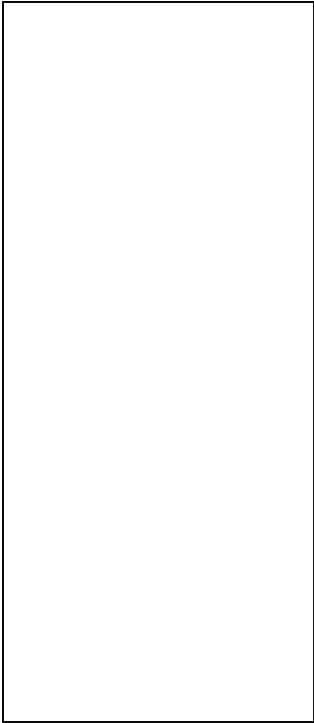
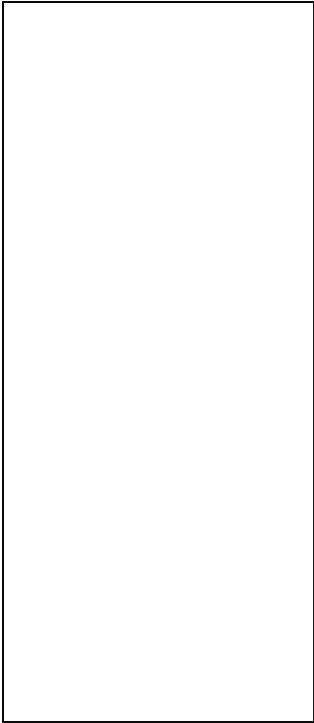
Sorry for such a late newsletter! It's been a very busy spring.

Can I talk anybody into taking this effort over? Pretty please?

I need your help. Please send me your photos and articles for future editions!

PLEASE

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