



...A Little Car News!

The Newsletter of the Central Texas Microcar "Micronuts"

You don't need a Microcar to join us...You just need to WANT one!

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NEXT MICRONUTS MEETING, NEW PLACE Thursday, July 11, 2002

Ramada Inn

A QUIZ...

Q: What do these gosh darn RIBS have to do with the next MICRONUT MEETING?

A: Guess you'll just have to come and find out for yourself!



The next monthly meeting of the Central Texas Micronuts will be Thursday, July 11th at a NEW LOCATION!! New location is Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Que (billed as the WORST BarBQue in Texas, but they have really good ribs!) Rudy's is located at 2451 South Capital of Texas Highway, phone 329-5554. It is located about a mile north of Barton Creek Mall on Capital of Texas (also known as 360). Can't miss it...located behind a Diamond Shamrock station, and the air will be filled with that sweetest smell of smokin' meats. There's even an ALLIGATOR in the run-off tank!! Sound Texan enough for ya??

Hope to see you there. Any questions, call Debbie at (512) 442-1361.

Ray Morey's National Microcar Convention Shaping Up!

Ray is working hard on the details of the National Microcar Convention, planned for September 27-28 in Duncanville, Texas. The Central Texas Micronuts will be offering their support in two ways:



Bruce Fullerton and Robert Mace have helped us receive permission to use the "Buckin' Isetta" graphic to make some t-shirts to sell at the gathering. I have talked with a couple of t-shirt printers in Austin to get bids, but if you know of someone who might be able to help us with a good deal, please let me know. We will be running about 100 shirts, white background (preferably "Hanes Beefy-T"), with graphic and text commemorating the event.



Ray has also asked us to help him get some dash plaques made for the event. Please be thinking about plaques you have seen in the past...ones that are fun and a proud possession, and ones that are boring. We want to avoid the latter, if at all possible! All ideas accepted.

So let's band together and help Ray throw an event those little car lovers won't forget. It's in TEXAS, after all!

PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!!



Ray Morey is hosting the National Microcar Convention in Duncanville, TX September 27-28th. Rooms are already reserved at the Duncanville Ramada Inn (972-298-8911) at the discount rate of \$51.00/night.



The 3rd Annual Central Texas Micronuts Convention will be held in Nov., first or second weekend. Looks like the Zilker Park location is available, and we have been invited to use it. So, there we are!



Bruce Fullerton has secured the CENTRAL TEXAS MICRONUTS a coveted spot in the CHUY'S BLUE SANTA PARADE on Saturday, November 30. This parade is Austin's best...Macy's quality floats (no joke), great marching bands, for a truly good cause. Lots of organizations want to be in this one, and only a few are invited. We need to take advantage of this call, and make a lot of big and little kids smile with our little car presence (or is that presents??) Terry and I took our BMW 600 last year, and it was such fun...we left feeling grateful that neighbors work so hard to make kids feel loved, that Austin is so generous, and well, gosh darn it, dare-I-say a little Christmas! Lets try to take as many cars as we can. You will be glad to be there. And it would be fun to be there together.

MY TALE OF STORY (Germany, that is) contributed by Gerron Hite

Every other year, Störy, Germany becomes a mecca for microcar enthusiasts from all over Europe, including a growing number from the United States. Störy is a small village near Boekenhan via Autobahn 7. Otto Keenecke has assembled and displays his collection of over 100 microcars besides many motorcycles and scooters in the "automuseum." The museum is contained in three in-connected brick buildings, including a meeting hall. The entrance courtyard contains a two-decker bus converted into a food concession stand with space inside to sit when the weather turns bad.

Terry, Debbie and I arrived on a Thursday afternoon to observe that the previous day's rain had turned the grassy field next to the museum into a semi muddy place. I am sure this has happened before, since its conception in the 1970s, as a tractor seemed always available to pull self-contained caravans out of the mud or to position them within the camping area. Camping is a popular pastime with the microcar people and many arrived with tents and campers with plenty of camping equipment and food. Thursday and Friday produced good weather with intermittent rain on Saturday when the official parts market was set up in the another courtyard, surrounded by farm related outbuildings near the museum.

Driving Microcars provides miles and miles of smiles!!