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Jim Hall

By Karen St. Clair

Jim Hall of Canton, Illinois, longtime Met member of MOCNA & the Illini Mets Club passed away Saturday afternoon, August 13, 2005, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past year. Jim will always be remembered for his expert mechanical abilities and special Met modifications. He was a kind and generous man who always had a smile and a good word to say about everyone. He will be dearly missed by his wife Bea and all his Metropolitan friends. Condolences can be sent to: Bea Hall, 175 N. Park Drive, Canton, Illinois 61520.

President's Page

The Summer has flown by since our last newsletter. It has been good with clear, warm nights and no rain (the lawn mower didn't get used much, saved money on gas.) There was a good turnout for the Orphan Auto Picnic and at the British Car Festival. I hope that everyone has been driving their Mets as much as possible. With the gas prices of the last few weeks few cars can match a Met (the gas I didn't use mowing went in our Mets.)

I am sorry to report the recent passing of Jim Hall. Marge and I never got to meet Jim, but those who knew him will miss him dearly. His generosity and mechanical

abilities are a great loss.

On September 24-25 is the Lake Geneva Classic Car rally, and on October 1-2 the 2005 America's British Reliability will be held (check the web site (<http://www.illinimets.org>) for info.) After that, our next gathering of Mets will be the Johnny Apple Seed Run on October 8, Check the [illinimets.org](http://www.illinimets.org) web site for details. The trees should be turning by that time. We look forward to seeing everyone, especially our new members, at these events and at the November meeting on November 5.

Bob Greenlee, *President*

Illini Mets Johnny Apple Seed Run, 8 October

By Marge Greenlee

The Illini Mets Fall Drive this year will be the Johnny Apple Seed Run, from the Greenlee's home at 819 E. Bailey Road in Naperville to Honey Hill Orchards in Waterman, Illinois.

We will meet at the Greenlee's at 9:00AM. The drive to Honey Hill Orchards takes about an hour.

At the orchards, we can pick apples,

choose picked apples from the barn, enjoy their renown apple cider donuts, and pet a few barn animals.

On the way back home, we will stop at "Your Neighbor" restaurant in Naperville for a delicious, casual, meal.

If you plan on making the Johnny Apple Seed Run, please let the Greenlee's know via email at MargesMet@att.net or via telephone at (630)369-1348.

Welcome New Members!

Wayne and Michelle McKenna (#191), Francis Jenkins (#192)

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Illini Mets Chicken Run 2005

By Emily R. Darak

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This year's annual Chicken Run was June 12, 2005. The weather was quite temperamental. The festivities started at the Greenlee's with refreshments and I was the first to arrive. I really didn't realize I could get there so fast taking the expressway. I wasn't even speeding.

I was lucky enough to catch a ride with Bob Greenlee in his convertible. It was a hoot. I had so much fun. Next year, I will be bringing my Met because I will have more miles under my belt.

On the trek to White Fence Farm, several



Nancy Mackey & Marge Greenlee at White Fence Farm



John & Laurie Winston, Marge Greenlee, Ken & Etta McDuffy, Bob Greenlee at the Greenlee's

Ken and Etta McDuffie and John and Laurie Winston also started out at the Greenlee's. John and Laurie brought their Met. Most of the others met us at White Fence Farm for lunch. There were three Mets out for the day (Marge and Bob brought each of their Mets and John Winston brought his).

other drivers on the road with us kept asking about the curious little caravan of Mets.



The Latham Family

In attendance for Chicken Run 2005 were: Marge and Bob Greenlee, Gail and Bob Brandys, Nancy Mackey, Bill and Alice Latham and their two sons, John and Laurie Winston and John's parents, Ken and Etta McDuffie and Etta's brother and niece, and of course, me.



Gail and Bob Brandys




The Illini Mets at White Fence Farm

Tentative 2005 Illini Mets Event Schedule

DENOTES OFFICIAL ILLINI METS EVENT

Illini Mets Johnny Apple Seed Run, 8 October 2005. Starts at 9AM from The Greenlee's, 819 E. Bailey Road, Naperville, IL 60565, (630)369-1348, margsmet@att.net

 **Membership Meeting**, 5 November 2005. 1pm to 3-ish. Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Rd (the SW corner of Geneva Rd & County Farm Rd.), Winfield, 60190, (630) 690-3303

Technical Session: Fiberglassing your Metropolitan Floors, 12 November 2005, Roscoe Restoration (Gary Bosselman's home and business), 6812 E. Rockton Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073, 815-389-9500, gbozz@inwave.com. Potluck: please bring a dish to pass.

Christmas Party, 3 December 2005, Hosted by Bob and Gail Brandys, 635 Harding Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521, (630)325-2083, metromom@safety-epa.com

Technical Session: Removal and Disassembly of a Metropolitan Engine, 10 December 2005, Roscoe Restoration (Gary Bosselman's home and business), 6812 E. Rockton Rd., Roscoe, IL 61073, 815-389-9500, gbozz@inwave.com. Potluck: please bring a dish to pass.

2006 Metropolitan Owners Club of North America Regional Meet, 20-23 July 2006, Lincoln, Nebraska

Illini Mets at the Cascade Drive-In

On 2 July 2005, some of the Illini Mets, guarded my Ming Darak, held an impromptu gathering to see "Batman Begins" at West Chicago's Cascade Drive-In. Bob and Marge Greenlee, Mike and Liala Potts, the entire Brandys family, Emily Darak and two friends (one human and one canine), Mark Hardy, and John and Claudia Teschky all wowed the theater guests with their classic cars and enjoyed a great episode of The Cape Crusader's saga.



Photos By Emily Darrak

Dues are Due!

Illini Mets dues are due in January. This may be the last newsletter before the January renewal date. Please use the form included in this issue to renew your membership. (Your MOCNA (national) membership dues are due when a membership renewal envelope is included in your *Met Gazette*.)

2006 MOCNA Regional Meet

From The Heartland Met Club newsletter--The 2006 MOCNA Regional Meet will be in Lincoln, Nebraska, July 20-23. The host motel (Country Inn and Suites, 5353 N 27th St., Lincoln, NE, 1-402-476-5353) is accepting reservations. During July and the first two weeks in August, Lincoln hosts the National Roller Skating Championship, so rooms will go fast. The rate for a standard room with two doubles or a king bed is \$89. Do not call the 800 number, as they will refer you to the local direct number. Tell them it's for the Metropolitan meet. Don't wait...do it now!

MOCNA 2005 International Convention

With the International Convention in Astoria, Oregon this year, I thought it would be a nice vacation to drive out, tow the Metropolitan behind me, and enjoy the scenery for a few weeks. Well, one thing leads to another, and I borrowed a 28-foot enclosed trailer and hauled TWO Metropolitans out there. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stork has restored a Yellow and White convertible, and wanted to show the car in the Concours judging.

I left Friday morning July 22nd and drove to Mitchell, SD. A little over 600-miles for the first day, temperature in the upper 90's. Across the street from the hotel was a new "Cabella" store, so a little sight seeing and shopping then dinner and bed.

The second day, Saturday, I left early in the morning and drove to Rapid City, SD. Larry and Linda Rolfstad had offered me lunch, dinner, bed and sight seeing for the day. I arrived just before lunch, so we had Buffalo Burgers for lunch, and started our sight seeing. We stopped and seen Crazy Horse Monument first, then off to Custer, Mount Rushmore for a picture, Deadwood for dinner, and Sturgis for a tee shirt. We arrived back to the Rolfstads late in the evening, all tired and ready for bed.

Early Sunday morning I left for Cody, Wyoming, my next overnight stop. By now, we are getting into the hills and mountains. The truck is grunting going up the mountains, but enjoyed the coasting back down. I got off I-90 at Buffalo, WY and drove through Big Horn National Forest into Worland, WY, then north to Greybull, WY and west into Cody, WY. Absolutely a beautiful drive through Big Horn National Forest, with Powder River Pass being over 8,000 feet above sea level, down to Worland, the high plains desert. I arrived in Cody just in time for dinner and sight seeing. I ate dinner at Buffalo Bills daughter's Hotel called Erma's? Walked through town and then retired for the evening.



Gary Bosselman's Concours-Winning Metropolitan takes the beach in Astoria.



Crazy Horse Monument. The hole in the center is ten stories tall, and large enough to fit the Mount Rushmore Monument

Monday I left the hotel early to be at the East Gate of Yellowstone when it opened at 8:00am. When I pulled up to the guard shack, a young man looked at truck, the trailer and me and then said, "What year Corvette do you have in the trailer". I forgot, I put on a Corvette T-Shirt that morning. I smiled and told him I had TWO Metropolitan's in the trailer. A real puzzled look came over his face, then he smiled and said have a nice day. The drive into Yellowstone with the truck and trailer was fun. The east entrance road is under construction, down to one lane in spots, no guardrail, very straight up! If you remember the forest fires that went through Yellowstone a few years ago, WOW, it sure did a lot of damage. It was really spooky with all the charred, burned trees standing, and all the new growth coming in under them. But, the drive through Yellowstone was beautiful and I exited the south entrance for a drive through Grand Teton National Park, into Jackson Hole, WY.

After a little lunch in Jackson, off I headed west on Highway 26 into Idaho Fall, ID. Just as I was coming into Idaho Falls, I get a phone call from John Riley, towing his Metropolitan with a tow bar behind his Subaru. He was on Route 84 coming into Idaho, so we agreed to meet that night in Burley, ID. Tim and Joy Clark from Council Bluffs were with John and Ann Riley. I was nice to have company again.

Tuesday morning we headed out late and followed Interstate 84 through Idaho into Oregon heading for Portland, for the night. The drive along the Columbia River in Oregon is another beautiful drive. We stopped late Tuesday in Portland, just in time for dinner.

Wednesday morning I got up early and left for Astoria before the Portland traffic got horrible. Followed Interstate 5 North to Longview, WA, where I crossed the river south and picked up Route 30 west into Astoria. Another beautiful drive along the Columbia River. I arrived at the Red Lion

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Inn in Astoria, Oregon at about 9:30 that morning. The hotel was right along the Columbia River, right at the opening into the Pacific Ocean. Behind the hotel was a Marina with about 100 sailboats. Big parking lot, perfect for a Metropolitan Meet. John and Ann arrived about noon that day, Rex and Susan Hamil from Michigan pulled in, and then others just kept arriving. Just outside the Hotel was a trolley on old railroad tracks that headed to downtown and back. Many of the Meet attendees used the Trolley for lunch, dinner and shopping. Quite convenient for all the attendees. Thursday was a few tours to the local State Parks, Friday was another couple of tours to a shipwreck, Lewis and Clark Fort and Astoria Tower. Then a drive over the 4-mile bridge into Washington, to Long Beach, WA.

Saturday was the car show, Peoples Choice and Concours. The Yellow and White convertible I hauled for Chuck Stork received a Gold. My 60 convertible received a Silver. Another silver was awarded to a Right Hand Drive Metropolitan from England! 5-bronze awards were awarded. About 85-Metropolitan showed up for the show, about 260 people. People from Puerto Rico, Netherlands, England and Canada attended the meet.

But, before we knew it, it was Sunday, the Membership Meeting was over and it was time to head home. I left Astoria about 11:00am and headed east the way I came. I wanted to get home, get back to work, and so no sight seeing on the return trip. Sunday night I stopped in Ontario, Oregon for the night. I ate dinner and as I was coming into the hotel, in arrived John and Ann Riley. Monday morning I left very early, and drive until Laramie, WY. Tuesday I get up and leave early again, drive to Newton, IA. Wednesday morning I sleep in, leave the hotel, drive through Cedar Rapids, IA and into Dubuque to drop Chuck Storks car off at his home. I leave Dubuque about 1:00pm and arrive home about 3:00pm.

Home Sweet Home.

Gone from home almost two weeks. A little over 4,500 miles. Over 480-gallons of Diesel fuel, averaging 10.1 mpg for the trip.

2006, Lincoln, Nebraska.
2007, Rockford, IL
Both a lot closer to home.

Maybe I can drive a Metropolitan to them?

Gary Bosselman
Weary Traveler

(Ed. Note: Gary is also President of the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, and Past President of the Illini Mets.)

2005 MOCNA Int'l Meet Results

Concourse Judging

Gold

Chuck & Carolyn Stork - East Dubuque, Illinois

Silver

Gary & Rosey Bosselman - Roscoe, Illinois

Simon & Norma Thaxter - Golden Valley, Arizona

Bronze

John Silman - Santa Rosa, California

Bill Schaefer & Linda Dean - Lone Tree, Colorado

Brian Cotariu - Castro Valley, California

Margo Sety - Chewelah, Washington

Gary & Jeanne Haslip - Eugene, Oregon

Met Class award winners

54-55 Hardtop

1st- Mark Brittell

2nd- Wayne & Barb Northern

3rd- Bob Black & Jan Cozine

54-55 Convertible

1st- Heather & Lonnie Andrews

2nd- Chuck & Pam Durant

3rd- Wayne & Gail Metz

56-58 Hardtop

1st- Richard & Shirley Ehrenberg

2nd- Angie Turnacliff

3rd- Don & Marcie Duffner

56-58 Convertible

1st- Ed & Rebecca Singleterry

2nd- Dennis Anderson

3rd- Jim & Irma Cave

59-62 Hardtop

1st- Bill Gray

2nd- Steve & Holly Blumberg

3rd- Gary & Karen Allington

59-62 Convertible

1st- Rick & Marilyn Gilbert

2nd- George & Rosemarie Bull

3rd- Glen & Shirley Logas

Custom/Modified

1st- John & Judy Rust

2nd- Paul & Cathy Yarnell

3rd- Brian & Jane Nelson

Best of Show

Brian & Jane Nelson - Elk River, Minnesota

Longest Distance Driven

Bill Gray from Kingston, Ontario - Canada

Farthest Distance Traveled

Rina & Advie DeVries - The Netherlands

Hard Luck Award

Nick & Gerry Savage - West Sussex England

St. Clair MetRod Wins

By Karen St. Clair

Lowell & his METROD were quite surprised to win a Good Guys pick for "WILD CARD- JUST BECAUSE IT'S NEAT AWARD" at the Great Lakes Good Guys National Car Show in Waukesha, Wisconsin, over the weekend of August 13 and 14. It was a good show with about 2,500 cars from around the Midwest. Lots of nice rods, customs, & stock cars. He felt proud to represent the Metropolitan.



Emily Darak won the "Best Special Interest Vehicle" at the Vittorio Di Maso Car Show at the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast on 16 July 005

Emily Darak Appears on Motorsports Unlimited

Emily Darak and her Metropolitan appeared on the long-running Chicago area cable television show, Motorsports Unlimited (<http://www.msutv.com/>), in the first week of September, 2005.

Bill Wildt and his Motorsports Unlimited crew taped the segment at the August, 2005, car show at the Lincoln Park Savings Bank in Chicago. Congratulations, Emily!



Bill Wildt of Motorsports Unlimited and Emily Darak of the Illini Mets at the Lincoln Park Savings Bank Car Show on 30 July 2005

Thank you also, Emily, for your great support of the Illini Mets through your newsletter articles and photograph submissions.

Rusto DeRestorations

By Gary Bosselman

The last weekend of August is always a big show and swap meet in Carlisle, PA. I usually go out for a few days every year, always find something unusual. Even though it for Corvettes, I always look for Metropolitan parts. This year, there was a person selling "distressed" models. He buys new models, and then distresses them to make them look old, weathered and tattered. I stopped and was admiring some of the cars, and here set these two Metropolitans, all weathered and tattered. So, they came home with me.

I went to a hobby shop, bought some model train scenery, a cow, trees and grass. I cut a 15" circle out of plywood, sprayed some glue on, scattered the grass, drilled some holes for trees, added a cow, and they looked right at home.

I imagine more are sitting in fields looking like this than how they look sitting in the *Highway 61* boxes. Plus, no two are ever the same. See more at <http://www.rustrus.com>



Two examples of the fine unconcours-quality work done by Rust R Us and Rusto DeRestorations.

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"Be it ever so humble..."

19th Annual British Car Festival

Liala and Mike Potts, and John Winston took the People's Choice Awards for their Mets at the 19th Annual British Car Festival on 11 September 2005.

Metters Gail and Bob Brandys won the Stock Delorean People's Choice Award. Marge and Bob Greenlee also braved the Mad Dogs and Englishmen weather, each bringing a Met.

Claudia and John Teschky won the Fifth Place Driver and Navigator awards at the 8th Annual Donald M. Healey Memorial Rally on 10 September 2005. The rally, organized by the Austin-Healey Club of America, is held in conjunction with the British Car Festival.

See <http://www.britishcarunion.com/>

Met Featured on Automaniac

Bill Goldberg's *Automaniac* program on The History Channel featured Bryan Thatcher's Metro-Nator hot rod during the "Ridiculously Large Engines episode."

Please see <http://www.historychannel.com/automaniac/> for more information.



< Bill Goldberg in a 1960 Metropolitan.

Bryan Thatcher's insanely over-powered Nash Metropolitan, Metro-Nator--a 1956 Metropolitan housing 1500 horsepower >





You must join the National Club, the Metropolitan Owners Club of North America, before you join the Illini Mets. You may use this form to join both. Please print or type when completing this form.

Metropolitan Owners Club of North America & Illini Mets

Membership Form

Name (Include spouse for joint membership):

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Fax:

E-Mail Address:

Print my phone number and email address in the Membership Roster (please circle one): Yes No

INFORMATION ON YOUR METROPOLITAN(S)

Year	Model	Engine #	Chassis #	Body #	Color(s)	Condition

New Members:

If a MOCNA member refer you to the club, who was it?:

If you know the referrer's membership number, please provide it:

Returning Members: Please provide your membership number, if you remember or can find it:

Renewing Members: Please provide your MOCNA membership number:

Signature:

Date:

Payment:

New or Returning Members: Please make one check for both memberships (\$20.00 for MOCNA + \$10.00 for Illini Mets = \$30.00 Total) payable to: Illini Mets, MOCNA

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