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



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 Little Car Show

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Message from the President

We are a little over half way through the year and there is plenty to do for the second half! Unfortunately, the weather has been uncooperative this year and a lot of rain has cancelled or delayed events from happening. The rain has been great for the yard...the mowing I did not have to do last year, I've done this year. At least we all have green grass!

Recently, on June 21, the Highland Games occurred. The Potts' brought a car out and Marge and I had our two cars. Except for a little rain, the day went smoothly and was a lot of fun. We have attended the Highland Games for the last three years, and there have always been three Mets each year. Hopefully, we can get a better turnout for our upcoming events for July!

There are several events coming up this next month. Here's a list of a few events coming up (see chart below):



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

I hope to see many of our members at these events! Take care and contact Bob and Mage for any questions at rlgreenlee@wowway.com. Thanks!

Sunday, July 13	"Concert in Your Pa" Concert and Auto Show	Naperville Auto Test Track http://www.naperville.il.us/testtrack.aspx	Jefferson Avenue, between Fort Hill Drive and Ogden Avenue.
Thursday, July 17 – Sunday, July 20	Met meet		
Saturday, July 26 at 6:30 pm	Hot dogs and movie night	Augustino's <http: www.augustinos.com=""></http:> followed by Cascade Drive-In Theater <http: www.cascadedrivein.com=""></http:>	West Chicago, Il.

2008 Dues Reminder

If your name on the address label is highlighted in yellow, you still owe dues for 2008. Please send \$10.00 to Marge Greenlee as soon as possible.







The Adventures of Charlie: A Met Story

My Met has given me great happiness and also been a real pain in the 'you-know-what'. However, good ole reliable Charlie (what I named my Met) is now back on the roads causing stares and chuckles from all who come in contact with the quirky little car. I have to give the highest commendations to Bob Greenlee for getting him back on the road. There were times I think Bob wanted to start a bonfire with my Met.

It all started when I was having issues with keeping the car driving for more than three blocks at a time. So I had it towed to Bob's house and he worked on it – and worked on it and worked on it. Gary Bosselman and John Riley were serving as consultants on this project. Apparently, somewhere in the fuel line, my car was sucking air. It was repaired and

now I am back on the road. How is that for a happy ending? I have been trying to drive him to work when the weather has been cooperating. I stopped by Cool Cars Under the Stars last Wednesday for a couple of hours. I even took a road trip to Romeoville, IL. This was a huge feat for me since I usually only travel up to 20 miles from my house. This past Monday night, Nancy Mackey, Gail Brandys and I attended the Westchester cruise night at 31st and Wolf Road. We had a blast! The weather was great and we had a little KFC picnic in front of our cars. It was such a site to see three Mets all in a row at a cruise night. We even bumped into John Judge, another Illini Met member and he was so happy to see us out with our Mets.

I am attempting to do more long distance driving with the Met and this is something new to me. I am hoping to one day be able to drive all the way to Gary Bosselman's house in Roscoe or even Eric Nelson (a Nash Car club member) in Pleasant Prairie, WI.

by Emily Darak

If you would like to see pictures of the Westchester cruise night, please check out this link.

http://www.flickr.com/photos/9601875 @N02/sets/72157605916593744/

I also have pictures from other car events on my flickr site as well.

Don't forget July 23 is

AMC/Mopar night at Cool Cars

Under the Stars in Elmhurst, IL

Also check out the Voodoo Kings cruise nights on Saturdays at the Buona Beef in Itasca at 1170 N. Arlington Heights Road Phone: 630-773-2333 They have flame-throwing cars!





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Unique Little Car Show







Lowell and Karen St. Clair attended the Unique Little Car Show in Prescott, Arizona on April 5, 2008. They were joined by Pete and Rita Bulow (Las Vegas residents but also Illini Met members). Lowell advised that there were 7 Mets in attendance from Arizona and California plus over 60 other unique cars.

Bi-Annual Membership Meeting, March 2008 at Oakfield Family Restaurant



2008 Calendar of Club Events

Thursday, July 17 to July 20, 2008 **Mitten Mets Invitational 2008** in Adrian, MI Insert in this newsletter with more information

Saturday, July 26, 2008 **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/

Sunday, August 3, 2008 Illinois Railway Museum Outing at 8:00 am Illinois Railway Museum

Union, IL (815) 923-4000 or (800) BIG-RAIL or http://www.irm.org/

Sunday, August 3, 2008 **Ball Horticultural Event**Ball Horticultural, 622 Town Road
West Chicago, IL (630) 231-6300 or
http://www.ballhort.com/usinfo.html
\$5,00 admission fee

Saturday, August 9, 2008 Momence Gladiolus Festival

Momence, IL (815) 472-6353 or http://www.gladfest.com/

Sunday, August 10, 2008 **Windy City AMC Picnic** at 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hassert Grove Forest Preserve - Joliet Rd. Romeoville/Lemont, IL (Across the street from White Fence Farm)
Pot luck - bring a side dish to pass. The club provides chicken and drinks

Sunday, August 17, 2008 18th **Annual Orphan Auto Picnic** at 10:00 am

Korthauer Estate, 1020 Aurora Ave, Aurora, IL (877) COR-VAIR or http://www.ccecorvair.com/OAP/ (rain date of August 24)

Sunday, September 7, 2008 **Sandwich Fair** Sandwich, IL (815) 786-2159 or http://www.sandwichfair.com/

Sunday, September 21, 2008 **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 rigreenlee@wowway.com or margsmet@wowway.com

Please bring a dish – Meat will be provided (rain date of September 28)

Sunday, September 28, 2008 Windy City AMC Regional Meet at 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sonny Acres Farm, 29w310 North Ave., West Chicago, IL (All AMC's will park together) \$20 per car - trophies, music, entertainment, lots of shade trees

Saturday, October 4, 2008 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

Sunday, November 9, 2008 **Membership Meeting** at 1:00 pm Oakfield Family Restaurant, 27W229 Geneva Road, Winfield, IL (630) 690-3303

Holiday Party in January 2009 TBD

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Bits & Pieces

If you would like to see a Preview of the Mets Around the Clock 2007 International Meet Slide Show Gail Brandys put together on You-Tube check out the following link!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TINh0Oqz1ls Gail also put up a web page to sell the slide show and the quirky Met magnets by Tiffany.

http://www.branmuffinindustries.com/mets/Mets.html
"Hope you enjoy it and share it with
whomever you like!" – Gail Brandys

Also for sale from Rhonda Gelstein's creative mind are 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.



If you have a story...

If you have a story, please email the story to Emily at

er_darak@sbcglobal.net.
There will also be an ads section called "Bits n'
Pieces". This will be

items to sell or items needed. Look and member profiles. Look for the questionnaire I will be sending to all members for our 'Profiles' section. If you need to get in touch with me, my cell phone number is 773-206-9607 and home number is 773-622-0388.

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