

Be It Ever So Humble...

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



Special Interest Articles:

- Fall Tour – Apples & Smiles
- Orphan Car Picnic

And much, much more....

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And the Club Members for their Profiles – this month "The Jacobsens"

Message from the President

I am writing this in the third week of October, where has the summer gone? Soon we will be getting our Mets ready to be put away for the winter. Since the last newsletter there have been several events. On Sunday August 17th The Orphan Car show was Held for the last time at Rick Korthauer and Mark Hardy's home in Aurora. The Illini Mets were very well represented with a total of 9 Metropolitans, possibly the largest grouping for this show . On Sunday September 7th, at the Sandwich Fair car show, we had 5 Metropolitans show up (Potts, Novak, Teschky, and Greenlee(2)). Not a bad turnout. Two weeks later on September 21, The End of Summer picnic at The Greenlee's was held.

Twenty members showed up to enjoy a perfect day for a picnic. Burgers, Brats and a wide variety of dishes were available for everyone to enjoy. Marge and I thank everyone who came, and I want to give a special Thanks to my wife Marge for arranging a great picnic. (maybe this could be something to add to our calendar?) Near the end of our picnic, a surprise birthday cake was brought out for Ken McDuffee. Along the curb of our backyard 5 Mets were lined up for us to enjoy. A couple weeks late we gathered at The Bosselman's for a Fall Color Tour and Apple Run. More of this event is covered by another article in the newsletter. The next club meeting will be held on Sunday, November 9th at

The Oakfield Family Restaurant 27 W 229 Geneva Rd. Winfield, Il. I hope to see a big turnout for this. I also hope to see some of our Newest members there.



Bob Greenlee, Pres.

P.S. Club Membership dues for each year are due In January. Thanks!

Happy Birthday Ken McDuffee





Fall Tour – Apples and Smiles

by Karen St. Clair, Illini #45

Thirteen ILLINI members (Garmans, McDuffee's, Riley's, Greenlee's, Potts, St. Clairs & Gary Bosselman) , 2 MOCNA guests from the Netherlands (Rina & Adrie De Vries), 4 METS, 2 Brand X's and a 2008 Corvette driven by our host, Gary, headed out the Bosselman driveway on this beautiful Fall day to start our tour.

Our 1st stop was at Edward's Apple Orchard to get a piping hot apple donut. As soon as we parked our cars, we were surrounded by the smell of warm apple donuts that filled the air. A festival atmosphere was abound with hundreds of visitors to the Orchard filling the picnic tables, waiting in line to get inside the Barn, or picking out the perfect pumpkin for Halloween. Beautiful pots of mums (also for sale) lined the walkways leading to the Barn. Once inside, we all headed in different directions to shop for donuts, popcorn balls, taffy apples, fudge, jellies, seasonal gifts and of course, **APPLES**. It was hard to believe that the previous Barn and surrounding homes had

been destroyed by a tornado earlier this year. Pictures of the destruction and debris were hung on a wall for everyone to view. Gary told us that after the tornado, Edward's Orchard sacks were later found in Michigan. The new Barn was located in another Wisconsin town and moved to the Edward's Orchard. Before we headed out on the road, most of us could not leave without having a piece of warm apple pie & ice cream. There is truth to the saying "ENJOY LIFE-EAT DESSERT FIRST". As we left the parking lot, our METS drew lots of attention & **SMILES** from the Orchard guests.

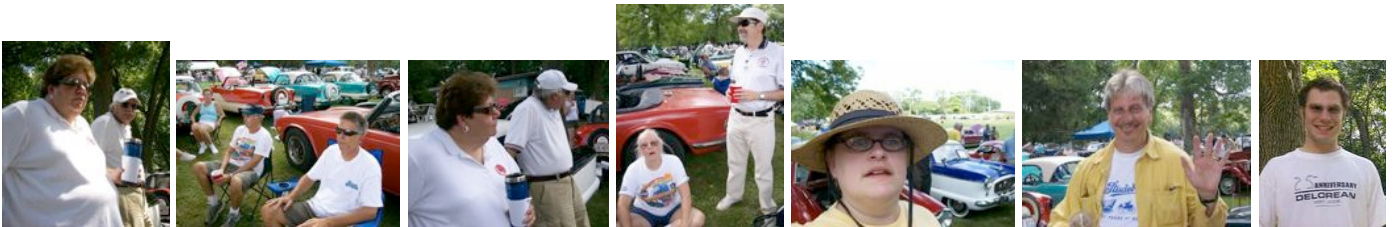
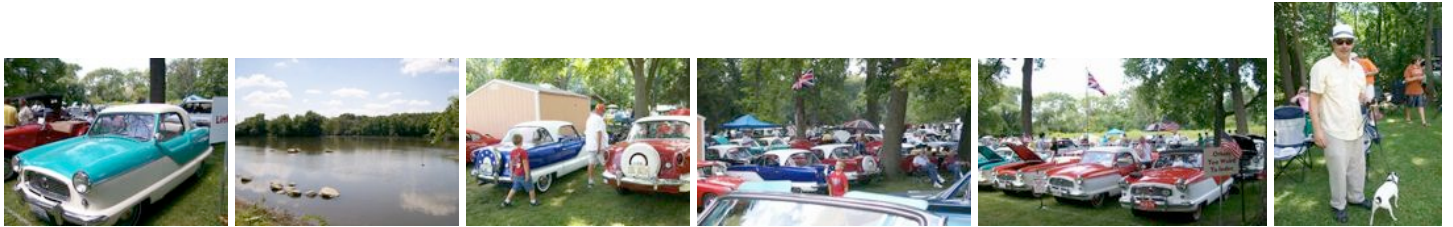
We headed towards our destination point of Lake Geneva passing thru quaint, little towns along the way and getting **SMILES** from the residents and thumbs up from other drivers. As we arrived in Lake Geneva, we found ourselves sharing the roads with hundreds of bicyclists riding around the Lake and town for a special cause. Again the METS received thumbs up & **SMILES** from the bikers and the usual questions of "What is it?" as we drove by all the beautiful lakefront homes and boats. We later stopped for lunch at a local Culver's

Restaurant before heading back to the Bosselmans. Upon arriving, Rosey Bosselman greeted us with an ice cream social that she had prepared for everyone to enjoy. We all enjoyed the ice cream and discussing our wonderful day with each other and our guests from the Netherlands, Rina & Adrie. As we all hugged and said our good-byes, I'm sure that they are taking home some great memories of their outing with the ILLINI METS and its members. Hats off and **THANKS** again to the Bosselmans for hosting another great event for our club.

See pictures later in this issue!

Annual Orphan Car Picnic at Rick Korthauer & Mark Hardy's Home Aurora, IL on Sunday, August 17, 2008

(Bob & Marge Greenlee, Mark Hardy & Rick Korthauer, John Winston, John & Lorraine Jacobsen, Gail & Bob Brandys, Gary Bosselman, Nancy Mackey, Mike & Laila Potts, Art Miskiewicz, Bill & Alice Latham, Larry & Maribeth Claypool and Emily Darak with 9 Mets)



Annual Orphan Car Picnic continued



A fun time had by all!

This year's Orphan Picnic was another huge success thanks to Rick, Mark and the CCE. The weather was terrific and the turnout was plentiful. There were dozens of interesting cars to check out. I also think it was the largest turnout of Illini Met members at an event other than the Annual Holiday Party. Hopefully, more and more members will come out for these fun-tastic events. On a sad note, this is the last year it will be held at the Korthauer Estates. Thank you Rick & Mark for letting us come to your home for the picnic for so long! There was a survey passed out with questions for the 2009 Orphan Car Picnic. You can see more of my Orphan Car Picnic pictures at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/9601875@N02/sets/72157606804246956/>

Profiles in "Met"bership

Answers to the Questionnaires that have been sent to the membership with a few questions to find out more about the owners or aficionados of the Met.

John & Lorraine Jacobsen from Melrose Park, IL

The Jacobsens have been members since 2004. John and Lorraine met Mike and Laila Potts at an Elmhurst car show and joined through the Potts. They own a 1961 black and white hardtop. John almost purchased one from Gary Bosselman but found one at the 2007 Rock Around the Clock International MOCNA meet in Rockford, IL. He purchased it from Don Trail from Louisville, KY. John had to actually travel to Louisville to pick up the car since Don had to get back to Louisville. A round trip of 600 miles to get his Met. One of the Jacobsen's most memorable moments was attending the 2007 International Meet. They met a lot of people from different suburbs of Illinois and around the US. John's favorite is the convertible, preferably in red & white. However, he loves his black & white hardtop. John is semi-retired; working only one or two days a week. John and Lorraine like to travel to Florida during the winter months where they enjoy biking, golfing, kayaking and attending various car shows. They have a mobile home in north Fort Myers. During the summer months, the Jacobsens are in the Chicagoland area pursuing the same activities. They also own a 1947 Crosley station wagon which also makes appearances at different car shows for the past 6 years. John has had his Crosley at 21 different car shows and have won some trophies. John has always liked the smaller cars, owning 5 different VWs and he has had a small electric car made in Florida. "The Metropolitan is a very different design for a small car and many people have given me compliments. My Met draws attention wherever I go" states John.



And, of course, another non-Illini Met member – Pee Wee Herman and his Met



Idea for Holiday Party

Since we were thinking about "Dinner & a Show" for the Holiday Party, this is the play that is upcoming at Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL. However, it opens February 4, 2009. We are checking to see if anyone objects to moving the Holiday Party from January to February? We think this show would relate well with the era of our Mets. We will have it up for discussion at the Membership Meeting in November.



The Taffetas

It's 1950-something, and Kaye, Peggy, Cheryl and Donna, four singing sisters from Muncie, Indiana are making their national television singing debut. "Spotlight on Music," a fictitious weekly 1950's television show on the real-life Dumont Television Network, sets the framework for an evening of some of the greatest hits of the 1950's. A tribute to the girl groups of the 1950's, THE TAFFETAS pay tribute to the sounds of The McGuire Sisters, The Fontane Sisters and The Chordettes. Opening Off-Broadway almost two years before "Forever Plaid," THE TAFFETAS made nostalgia what it is today! Spend an hour and a half with THE TAFFETAS and their three piece band and remember what Sunday night television was like on your 12-inch black and white screen!

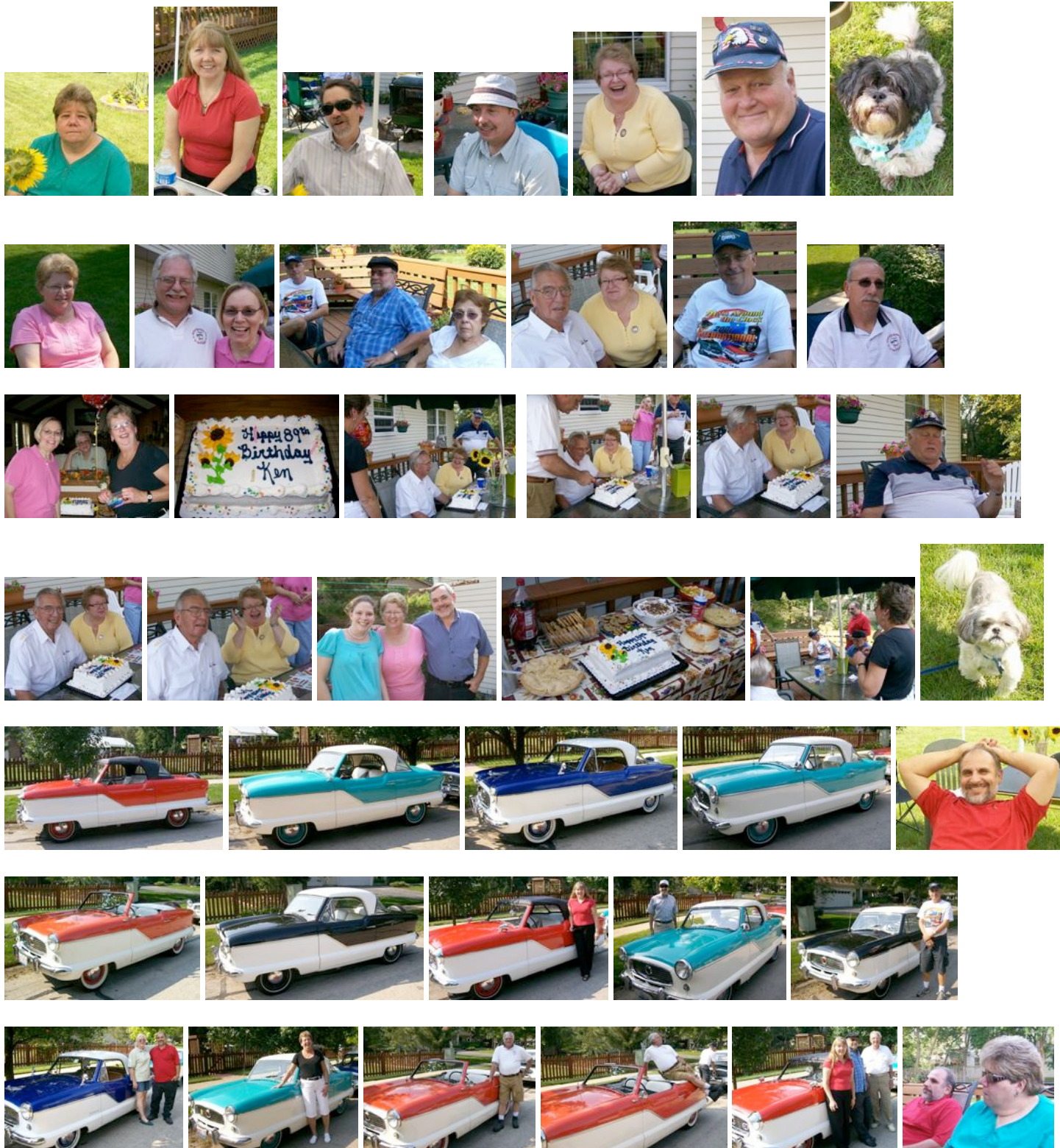
Fall Apple Tour

Members joined Gary Bosselman in Roscoe, IL to go on a driving tour. Please see story by Karen St. Clair earlier in this edition.



End of Summer Picnic at Greenlees

There was a great picnic and also served as a birthday party for Ken McDuffee. A good time was had by all.





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2008 Calendar of Club Events

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** - We are thinking about going to the Pheasant Run Theater in St. Charles in February to see "The Taffettas" for Dinner and a Play. If anyone has any other ideas for Holiday Party location, please call or email Marge Greenlee. All ideas will be considered!



2008 Dues Final Reminder and Last Newsletter Notification

If your name on the address label is highlighted in yellow, you still owe dues for 2008. This will also be your last newsletter until dues are paid. Please send \$10.00 to Marge Greenlee as soon as possible.



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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=TINh0Ogz1Is>

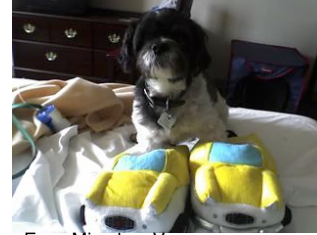
Gail also put up a web page to sell the slide show and the quirky Met magnets by Tiffany.

<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.



Even Ming has Vroomers

If you have a story or an advertisement...

If you have a story or pictures, please email the story and/or pictures to me at

er_darak@sbcglobal.net. If you do not have a computer, you can send me stories and/or pictures to my address listed in

the newsletter. There will also be ads taken for "Bits n' Pieces", the new ad section (items to sell or items needed). C'mon guys, we need more ads so I do not keep running the same old ones! 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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