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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi...

Our Winter Christmas dinner was at the 'Italian Job', with 13 people attending, food was great, though the service was so... slowwww!!

Apart from that, a most enjoyable evening was had.

July Clubnight, our guest speaker was Reg Cooke, who spoke for almost 2 hours, without a word from anyone, a good speaker, he had his audience captivated.

A few key points: -

'Get your body fit as well as your car'. He would drive 6 times to Palmerston North and back over a period of a week to improve driving skills, at the start of the season, keeping to 110kph.

Oil Coolers can sometimes absorb H/P by keeping oil too cool.

An ice filled container with fuel pipe running through it to keep fuel cool.

Tyres too wide on a road car, definite hazard in wet.

He did not speak on the technical side as much as the psychology of motor racing.

Our thanks to Reg Cooke.

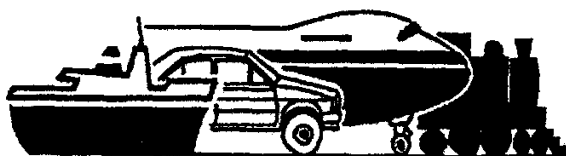
The Italian Job run went very well - but not very many people attended.

We are planning another Whenuapai Bent Sprint for November.

Don't forget - Mini Nationals - Labour weekend @ Palmerston North with Track Time at Manfield.

All for now.

**Warwick Robinson
El Presidente.**



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Meet Our Members...

Members File

1978 MINI SPECIAL

I bought my Mini in February of 1997 from Perry's in West Auckland for \$1600; she was pretty standard (as in the way she came out the factory including the original engine).

The first thing I did to the car was to put in new suspension and CV joints (Pedders) then the next thing I did was to change the steering wheel and from then on the changes have been numerous.

So far my Mini has had three engines the original engine was removed to make way for a (standard) 1275 which consequently passed on a week later so back in went the 1000.

Fortunately I was given another 1000 engine that at some stage of it's life had been rebuilt so this came apart and had some goodies added, a 731 race cam, 1300 head, lightened race flywheel, duplex timing gear and a standard 1 1/2 inch SU. It's pretty basic but it goes better than standard and makes life a whole lot more fun.

So now come forth, stand up and be accounted for all you bolt on accessories that make my car sound and look good,

- Mk III Cooper S Grille
- 10" ALDIC Mags - Bridgestone 165/70/10's
- 10" Cooper Disc Brakes
- Cooper Exhaust System
- LCB Competition Extractors



Spax adjustable shocks
Nolethaine Bushes
'Mini Special' Badge
Flares
Orange Indicator Lenses
Wildcat Steering Wheel
Steering Wheel lowering Kit
Sportline Gear Knob
Black Fibreglass Race Seats - FOR SALE
Sony CD player and AMP
6 x 9" Speakers in removable box.

I have to say that I am happy with the way that my car handles and the way she looks, I enjoy driving her and in the near future I can't see my self selling her (although I can see a new engine on the horizon) but only to keep improving her, by way of adding,

Autosport Seats
Colour co-ordinated interior (Carpets, back seat etc.)
Momo/ Sportline Steering wheel (To match gear knob)
Chrome racing mirrors
A panel and paint
And a stylish Personalised Plate like 'TURTLE'

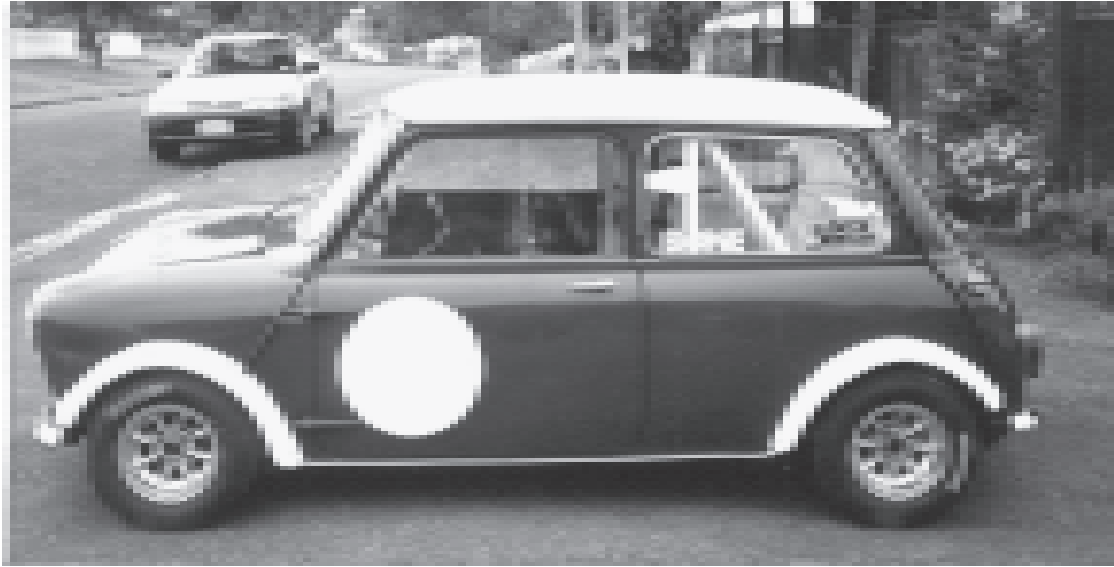
It must all seem like a lot to spend on a car, but as I see it it's got to be better than spending lot's of money on a Japanese car only to find out when you sell it that it's worth only half (if that in some cases) of what you bought it for, and any way it's my project.



At my place of residence there was 3 Mini's. Mine, a full race Mini and a Cooper, but we had to sell the Cooper to buy a more suitable car for towing.

Since I have caught the Mini bug, I seem to have passed it on to my younger brother who now owns a red 1100 Mini with a cam and mags and stuff like that.

I have met many a person and learnt many a thing since buying my Mini but what stands out most is that either you love Mini's or you hate them, and personally I feel I don't fit into the latter category.



Before I sign off I'd like to say thanks to Rick who has done all the labour intensive work to my car making it very possible to have achieved as much as I have. Thanks.

Nicky

MINI SERVICES

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Paddy's Prattle!

(A wee note from the Club Captain)

Congratulations to Lynn Scott for taking over the role of Club Captain from myself. I think this is quite an important role - trying to satisfy the needs of our diverse mix of members.

From the feedback the committee have received it seems people would like to see more "social events"... Hey! Party at Warwicks!!!

Any ideas please contact any committee member.

CERTIFY THIS!

A few discussions have come of late about certification of modified vehicles & everyone has a different opinion.

I have recently taken Jo-Anne's mini for a Cert. as the local garage wouldn't issue a WOF – Sorry Paddy no Cert. No WOF!

After a few phone calls an examination of the car was arranged. Jo-Anne's mini is registered as a Mini 1000 but has an engine capacity of 1293 with Cooper S brakes & a few other mods.

BASICALLY, any component that affects the performance of the vehicle that didn't come from the original model should go through the certification process.

i.e.

1. Modified Suspension
2. Drum brakes swapped to discs
3. 1000 motors removed to make way for e.g. 1430's
4. Also such items as after market seats come in for inspection.

Some members' cars are not certified, when perhaps they should be, but they do get WOF'S. However, if you are ever involved in a car accident the insurance company may look for any reason not to pay out ... is your car certified???

Patrick

And We're Racing.....

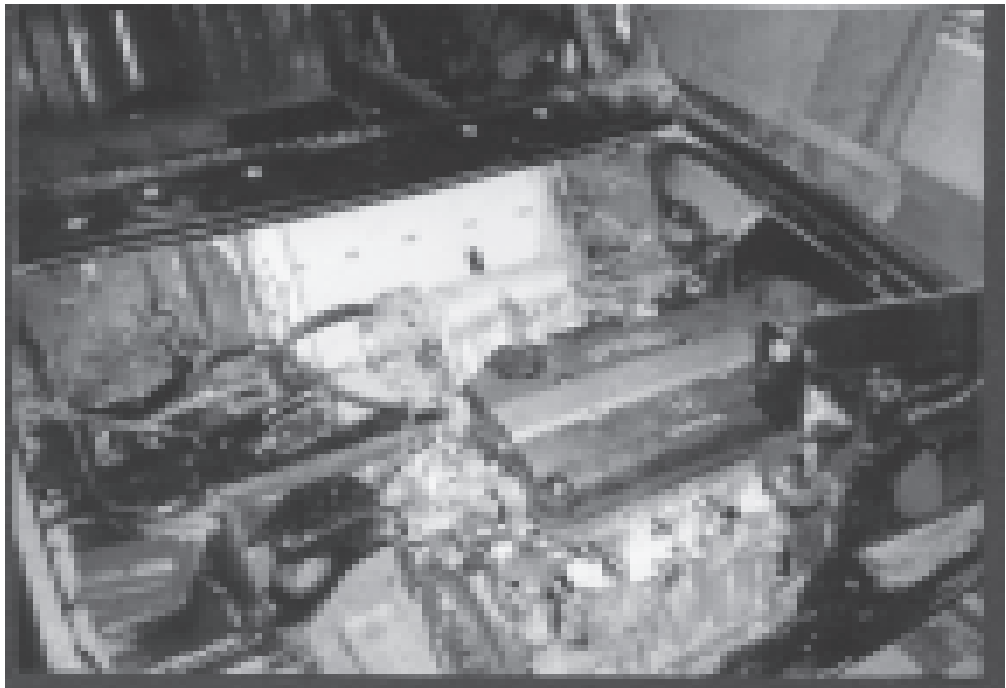
Well not quite, maybe in time for Ellerslie 1999 when the racecar should be complete.

Just a quick progress report of what's happening.

By the time the magazine comes out the shell will have the final layers of paint applied, the modified front subframe powder coated & awaiting the Honda Vtec B16A powerplant, incorporating many of the tried & tested competition items.

When complete I'll have to make use of track days to find the limits of a 170hp slab front mini!

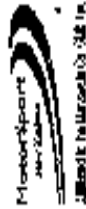
Paddy.



The Honda Vtec B16A powerplant



Jo-Annes car, just for interests sake...



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 1998

Palmerston North

12.00 noon - 1.00pm

Welcome & Registration
for the weekends events

1.00pm - 3.00pm
3.15 - 5.00pm

Show & Shine
Fun Trial

in and around the Manawatu

5.00pm - 6.30pm
6.30pm onwards

Free time
BBQ
and light entertainment
(informal)

SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 1998

Manfeild Park autocourse, Feilding

10.00am - 12.00 noon

Motorkhana
(various courses)

12.00 noon - 1.00pm
1.00pm - 4.30pm

Lunch Break
Bent Sprint
and **Straight Sprint**

Free time

Dinner and Prizegiving

4.30pm - 7.00pm
7.00pm onwards

PAYMENT

Payment for total amount to accompany your registration. Please make cheques payable to Miris Motorsport Inc. and send to Mini Meet '98, Miris Motorsport, P.O. Box 1547, Palmerston North.

MOTORSPORT NZ AFFILIATION

Public
Members of the public may enter the Show and Shine and any two of the following events: Fun Trial, Motorkhana, Straight Sprint.

Non-Motorsport New Zealand Affiliated Club

Members of the non-Motorsport New Zealand affiliated clubs may enter the Show and Shine and

any two of the following events: Fun Trial, Motorkhana, Straight Sprint.

To participate in the Bent Sprint, you are required to belong to a Motorsport New Zealand affiliated club. A 6 month membership to Miris Motorsport \$18 + \$5 Motorsport New Zealand levy is payable.

Motorsport New Zealand Affiliated club members
You may enter any of the events. For the Straight and Bent Sprints you will require the following safety equipment: Current standards approved helmet, clean ocean or fire-proof overalls and fire extinguisher.

*Safety requirements for the Straight Sprint/Bent Sprint: Current standards approved helmet, clean



REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE (day): _____ (alt): _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING: _____

CAR: _____

MODEL: _____

CC: _____

CLUB: _____

Show & Shine Only:

All Events
(including Show & Shine):

* Per Car = 1 car and two drivers

additional drivers @ \$5.00 per person

Additional Drivers

Dinner & Prizegiving
(refreshments at your expense)

@ \$5

@ \$25 per head

TOTAL

\$ _____

50% Deposit

\$ _____

ocean or fire-proof overalls and fire extinguisher.

Fun Trial

To compete in the Fun Trial you must have current registration and a current Warrant of Fitness. Those bringing an unregistered car to compete at Manfeild will be permitted to use their own vehicle to participate in the Fun Trial.

Motorkhana

Your car is to be up to W.O.F. standard to pass scrutineering but does not have to be road registered or warranted.

Straight/Bent Sprint

Your car is to be up to W.O.F. standard to pass

scrutineering but does not have to be road registered or warranted.

Safety requirements for the Straight Sprint/Bent Sprint: Current standards approved helmet, clean ocean or fire-proof overalls and fire extinguisher.

ACCOMMODATION

Please note that accommodation is your own choice and is optional. Assistance will be given if required. Accommodation will be at a premium over Labour Weekend due to several large annual conferences. Early bookings are essential!

Advertisements

1. Safety Devices multi-point roll cage. State of the art laser designed. FIA full race spec. Complete with reinforcing plates, high tensile bolts/nuts, and fitting instructions. (Price includes sea freight) \$2000.00
2. 13 x 8 inch Minilight alloy wheels with 215/50/13 BF Goodrich tyres. (4 wheels and 5 tyres) Complete with nuts. (Price includes sea freight) \$1800.00
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4. Rear Brakes. Backplates, springs, wheel cylinders (2 pairs), hubs, studs, Timken taper roller bearings, alloy finned brake drums, race brake liners, and brake hoses. Complete. (Price includes air freight) \$700.00
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Who is selling them on behalf of her son.

FOR SALE: 1971 Austin Mini K. 70,000 miles. Needs work, good chrome. Rare ROH mags. \$700 ono. Phone Terry 2672594 mobile 025 814384

RELFIE

FOR SALE: Personalised Number Plate. \$300.00. (Suit Riley Elf, person called Ralph, person with weak stomach etc.... Phone Patrick 025-2757567

FOR SALE: 74 Mini shell, glazing, complete front subframe plus all bits from above car. Offers. 12" mags, 5 slot. \$200
850cc Motor. Free
Side Draft Dellorto on manifold. \$140
Webber Filter. \$90
Clubman bonnet. \$40
Ph. Stacey or Kelly on (09) 410-4245 a/h

Advertisements

FOR SALE: 1971 Mini. 1 family owner, Body good, Motor tired. No Reg. or WOF. \$200 Contact Sol Hall Ph. 537-1230 or solhall@clear.net.nz

FOR SALE: 1979 Leyland Mini, 89000kms, 3 owners, Red, New WOF, V Good Condition, Good Upholstery. \$2250. Ph. Roz Clarke (09) 4450121 or (025) 2774144

FOR SALE: 1981 Mini 1000, White with Black Vinyl Roof, Only 45,000 genuine kms, New WOF, Elderly lady owner. Phone Helen 2928694

FOR SALE: 1961 Mini Traveller, 2 owners since new (1 family), Requires some repairs, Needs TLC of mini enthusiast. Call Marcus Wilson on 828-8962 (Any time)

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Mini Spares Centre single HIF inlet manifold - \$100

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Head off a Morris 1300GT (Sorry I can't remember the designation No.) MK2 S size valves, good flowing standard. - \$ Enquire.

Phone: Philip 520-3406

Email: philthy@nznet.gen.nz

Wanted: Nice Condition Mini (pref. Late Model e.g. GT). Around the \$3,000 - \$4,000 mark. Phone Jamie or Nicola Dorma on 8462132

Club Shop

T-shirts	White with 3 Minis on front. Multicoloured to celebrate 35 th Anniversary of the Mini. Medium size only. \$22 ea.
Caps	Mini Car Club of Auckland Inc. badge on the front. Embroidered cotton caps with leather straps. One size fits all. \$25 ea.
Rally Signs	Corrugated plastic Mini Car Club of Auckland Inc. signs suitable for rear side windows or front & rear of your car. Red with white lettering. \$10 ea. Or \$15 / Pair.
Cloth Badges	Mini Car Club of Auckland Inc. logo. \$5 ea.

These items are on display at each clubnight, or contact Andrew Carter (09) 4159117



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Events

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st 7:30pm Clubnight

*Sunday 6th Dyno Shootout
Mainline Auto Gas, 18 Gordon Rd Otahuhu.
\$10 entry. BBQ.*

*Sunday 27th 10:30am Mystery Drive
Meet at Foodtown Greenlane Carpark.*

OCTOBER

Tuesday 6th 7:30pm Clubnight

*Sunday 11th 9am-3pm Cooper Car Club Motorkhana.
Edwin Rd Mt Eden. \$5 entry.*

*24th-25th All weekend MINIMEET Manawatu 1998 - Nationals. See
Patrick about Registration
NOTE: It's a busy weekend down there so book your
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