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Lots of goodies, the Club's points list, and the mag in full colour!!

Deadline for the next issue:

15 November 2005

President's Report

Warwick Robinson

September 6th Club Night – Was once again a good night. Around 60 members turned up, for a series of 3 speakers.

Don McVeigh gave an updated speech on the regulations for the new open class in Super Mini Challenge races.

Then Rex Oddy gave a good overall view on the Regularity Trials they run and a video presentation as well. Quite a few of our members are interested in this.

And finally HPC gave a good description of their coating procedures – all in all an excellent night.

September 11th – Follow the Leader Run – out West and north to Helensville and Kaukapakapa and Riverhead Forest, was a neat event. 30 minis turned up at Westgate – 1st stop – Iron Park Museum. The old guy there could have talked all day about engines and white metal bearings etc. He even cranked up a huge generator for us. A very interesting place. Morning tea was also provided.

After approx 50 minutes of ‘Good Mini Cruising Roads’ we arrived at Crystal Mountain for lunch. – Lunch was good – then into Crystal shop – not so good. Credit card had to be flashed.

Thanks to Chris and Christine Roper for organising a great event.

Club Captain's Report

Gary Ashton

It's hard to believe that October is almost here and it is two month's since the last magazine and the AGM. I would like to take this opportunity to thank last year's committee for all your work and welcome the new committee. I would also like to thank Angus Fogg and Don McVeigh for being our guests at the AGM.

It has been a busy couple of months for me. On top of our regular duties, I have been helping Club Lotus run sprints at Pukekohe Park Racetrack, Dad was in hospital having a knee replacement, my brother is coming over from England in October. He plans to stay for six months and do some touring, so needed a suitable vehicle to travel in so we have purchased a 1974 VW Kombi Camper. I have also changed jobs, moving from a paint manufacturer in East Tamaki to a commercial nursery in Karaka. It's nice to cut out all that travelling.

There are a large number of events in the coming months. On October 2 I have organised a garage bash starting from the Northern Sports Car clubrooms at 10.00am. Amongst others we will see a couple of vans under restoration, a pickup at the start of its restoration, a 1970 Mini auto that is almost back on the road and a round nose Mini that is undergoing restoration and re-power with a Toyota 1300.

The October club night is a swap meet, so bring those bits that you don't need anymore, it might be just what is needed to finish someone else's project.

Labour Weekend is the Mini Nationals in Christchurch. If you want to go to this event

but haven't booked yet, you better get onto it. If you are not going you may like to watch some of the Targa Rally that starts in Papakura. Check out New Zealand Classic Car magazine in October for full details, and those that have been to the Nationals, you may like to view some of the action on your way home.

Tuesday November 1 we will have a talk from Takanini Powdercoating at the club night. The show season has hit us early this year. This is a great way to show the public what a great club we have. A number of these are also charity fund raisers, so please support them and the community.

The first chance to show off your pride and joy is at my place on November 5 and 6. A garden ramble has been planned as a fund raiser for the local kindergarten. We have been asked to open our olive grove to the public and to display some Minis. I will try and arrange spare cars so you can visit some of the gardens while your Mini is on display. If you would like to display your Mini, give me or Catherine a call on 09 232 1233 or email GCASHTON@xtra.co.nz. Other gardens will have Citroen, Sunbeam and Jaguar cars on display.

As the venue for our Motorkhana has fallen through, we are going to run a follow the leader to Kaiaua for fish and chips for lunch and then back to Papakura on Sunday 13 November. Meet at the Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens, Hill Road, Papakura at 10.45am.

Concorso Euro is a two day charity event being organised by Lotus Cars and New Zealand Classic car magazine with proceeds

Editor Ramblings

going to Starship. Saturday November 26 is a car show at Lotus Cars, 167 Kitchener Road, Waiuku. As there is limited space, cars to go on display is by invitation only. The Mini Car Club has been asked to help in the carpark and on the gate, if you can help in this role, please give me or Catherine a call on 09 232 1233 or email GCASHTON@xtra.co.nz. Sunday 27 November is a fun run starting at Lotus Cars and travelling up the Awhitu Peninsula and returning to Patumahoe for lunch at Wrights Watergardens. Meet at Lotus Cars, 167 Kitchener Road, Waiuku at 10.30am.

Well, I think that I have rattled on for long enough,

Hang on a minute, I have an idea.

Gary Ashton

It's going to be a bit brief from me. At the moment I'm only driving my Mini to and from work. The rest of traveling happens in the family hack. Lots of chauffeuring the family around. You see, it is not hard to set your priorities right when a son is struck down with bone cancer. I always thought that this sort of stuff only happened to others. Anyway, I will go to the Mini Nationals. Since my son Gordon was going to be in Christchurch over labour weekend he proposed to share the driving back home in stead of flying back. He still believes that he is driving back with me but that's wishful thinking. He is having his chemo treatment right now and he is going nowhere quick.

I hope you guys will excuse me for not being around at the many of the good events the club is having.

What are we going to make of the elections? Will it affect our driving, especially around Auckland? I don't know. It seems to me that in rural areas like where I live, the effects are minimal.

You know, the other day, I got the shock of my life. Filling the Mini topped the 50 bucks. Where are the days that you could fill up the Mini for half that? I know it would not make a hell of a big difference but isn't it time the Government drops the temporary tax increase from some years ago? And what about a tax relief for car owners that drive really small and economical cars like our Mini.

ED.



Here are some pictures from my trip to the UK to see the 'British Mini Day' at Sandon Hall and the 'National Mini Show 2005' at Stanford Hall. BMD had around 500 mini's, between the show and the car park.

NMS 05 i gesstimated around 2000 mini's.

Jeffrey Milne.







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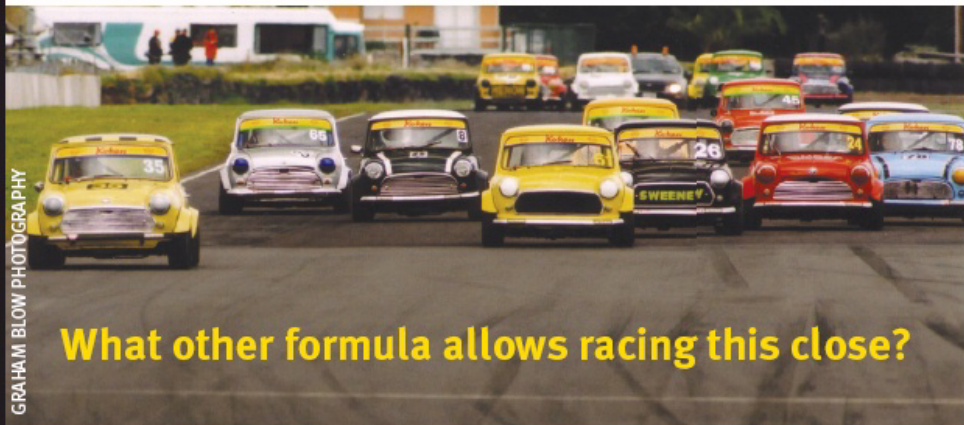
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What a sight, 19 minis leaving Westgate car park on a 20 minute run up through Kumeu to the Iron Park Vintage Museum. This is privately owned and a real treasure trove of old cars, tractors and vintage machinery. The highlight for me was a 1929 Jaguar SS coupe. Very rare. After leaving the museum, we continued on through Helensville to Kaukapakapa, turning south on to Peak Rd back through the Riverhead state forest. The roads were great with lots of one way bridges, fast flowing bends along with the odd surprise. Great mini roads!!!! We continued on through Kumeu, Taupaki and Swanson until we arrived at Crystal Mountain for lunch. 30 people and 55km of fun run, we were well ready! After eating, we had a look around the Crystal showroom. I'm sure I saw a few credit cards being used. Not surprising when you see what they have to offer! All in all, a great day with a great bunch of people.

Happy Mining, Chris and Christine Roper.

From: Shelagh at HPC (also member of mini club). Grahame Moss (manager of HPC), while giving his talk at clubnight, forgot to mention the discount available to club members. The discount offered is 7.5% . We hoped you could include this information in the next club magazine in the write up of HPC's visit. Thanks and regards Shelagh High Performance Coatings P.O. Box 75-181 Unit O, 62 Mahia Road Manurewa Auckland 1702 New Zealand



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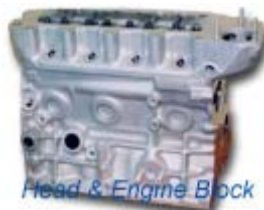
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11th Annual National MINI Meet

22-23 October 2005

Christchurch

PROGRAMME

Friday 21st 5:00-9:00pm

Registration and Scrutineering. Just Rust/Race Ready, 234 Main South Road, Wigram

Saturday 22nd 8:30am-12:00pm

Show and Shine. Air Force World grounds, 45 Harvard Avenue, Wigram

OR 1:00-5:00pm

Option 1: Drag Racing and Bent Sprints. Ruapuna Raceway

5:00pm onwards

Option 2: "Tiki Tour" around Christchurch and Canterbury

Barbeque Dinner – Clubrooms, Ruapuna Raceway

Sunday 23rd 10:00am-afternoon

Navigational Trial, starting from the Riccarton Workingmens Club car park

7:00pm onwards

Dinner and Prizegiving, Casual Dance, Riccarton Workingmens Club

Monday 24th 9:00am

Farewell Breakfast, "Hoofbeats Restaurant", Racecourse Hotel, 118 Racecourse Road, Riccarton

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to participate in the drags and/or sprints, you will need a helmet, cotton or fireproof overalls, a fire extinguisher tied down in an easy to reach position in your car, AND you must belong to a MotorSport NZ affiliated car club OR you can join the Canterbury Mini Owners Club for one month for a cost of \$10 per person.

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE ON 26 September 2005 (NZ Post stamped). Late Registrations close on Friday 21 October 2005 and will incur an additional late fee of \$50.00.



REGISTRATION FORM (page 1)

EVENTS	Cost	Qty	Total
OPTION 1 Entry for full weekend \$50.00	\$50.00		
<i>Option 1 includes: Show & Shine, 1 person Drags & Sprints, 2 people BBQ Saturday, 2 people Navi Trial</i>			
OPTION 2 Entry for full weekend \$50.00	\$50.00		
<i>Option 2 includes: Show & Shine, 1 person Tiki-Tour, 2 people BBQ Saturday, 2 people Navi Trial</i>			
Additional Driver – Drags and/or Sprints \$20.00	\$20.00		
Additional Person – Tiki Tour \$12.50	\$12.50		
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REGISTRATION FORM (page 2)

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(Make, Model and Rego please)

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Show and Shine Category (please tick box)

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Hi everyone. Sorry it's been so long since the last report. We have been doing a lot of upgrading, while rebuilding the front end. The one-piece front mould has been made and a new front section produced from it. We have secured it with Dzus fasteners for easy removal. A new front spoiler and undertray have been developed and fitted, along with new moulded winglets. We have fitted retaining tabs to the windscreen, to stop it from popping out at high speed as it was doing. The range of mechanical upgrades is as follows; Wilwood driver adjustable pedal box, Wilwood 4 pot alloy brake calipers, Toyota front race discs, alloy rear caliper mounts, Rose jointed steering ends, new improved front suspension arms, coil-over rear suspension, adjustable rear swaybar, handbrake replaced with electronic line-lock, new repositioned radiator, relocation of oil cooler, new FIA Sparco 5 point seatbelts. All of this has contributed to a significant weight saving. We have also revised and adopted new suspension geometry, spring settings, shock settings and brake ratio. This all resulted in a promising performance improvement on our first test day. Ben turned in lap times at Pukekohe in the 1:06 region. With more sorting and fine-tuning of the set-up, we believe we'll see 1:05's and better. We have also purchased a fully enclosed, tandem, braked trailer. This will be fully equipped with generator, compressor, 12v & 240v power, electric winch, alarm system, storage and spares. It will be an ongoing project no doubt. We entered Ben in the Auckland Car Club racing saloons on the 4th September. This was the first round of the club racing championship series, which we still aim to win this season. Unfortunately, on third lap of qualifying, a new front suspension bolt broke and the car lost the left front assy (wheel, hub, upright, axle, brake) as Ben came up the hill. He was pulling 8100rpm in 5th gear (210kph) and it spat the car into the concrete wall. A VERY BIG HIT.

Ben emerged from the wreckage with two dislodged ribs and two broken ribs, but no other injuries. Thank God. The scrutineers gave the car a good going over and were amazed at how strong it was. No deformation in the roll cage at all. The rest of the left front is pretty second-hand though, but we'll be back for next round in about 5 weeks on 16th October. The only consolation was that Ben's second lap had been about 5 seconds faster than the next fastest 1600cc qualifying time. We have plenty to do, but we'll be back. We will keep you informed.

Regards, Steve & Ben

Best Motorsport

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Leslie Smith, 87, a Matchbox Car Creator, Dies

By MARGALIT FOX

New York Times

Published: June 4, 2005

Leslie Smith, who for several decades after World War II was the world's largest automaker, at least in part because he made the world's smallest autos, died on May 26 at his home in North London. Mr. Smith, a founder, president and longtime chief executive of Matchbox Toys, was 87.

The cause was cancer, his son Andrew said.

Matchbox cars, which include everything from humble dump trucks to elegant Rolls-Royces, were introduced in 1953 and continue to be sold worldwide. Coveted, accumulated and passionately traded, they were a staple of childhood in the 1950's and after. They sold for 49 cents in the baby boom years, and now cost about a dollar.

Known for their craftsmanship and realistic detail, the cars are also prized by collectors, with vintage models sometimes fetching thousands of dollars. A rare Matchbox Dodge wreck truck recently sold on eBay for more than \$9,000, Charlie Mack, the editor of Matchbox USA magazine, said in a telephone interview yesterday.

Designed to fit into a postwar-era British matchbox, the best-known Matchbox cars measure about three inches long. Mr. Smith's company, which began as a die-casting business, was by 1962 turning out 50 million cars a year - more, The New York Times reported, "than all of the world's major automobile producers combined." Matchbox Toys are now manufactured by Mattel.

Leslie Charles Smith was born in Enfield, in Middlesex County, England, on March 6, 1918. He left school at 14 and served with the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve in World War II, commanding a mine sweeper in European and North African waters.

In the navy, Mr. Smith was reunited with Rodney Smith, a boyhood friend. After the war, the two men, who were not related, scraped together #600 and set up shop as die casters in the East End of London. They called their company Lesney Products, an amalgam of their first names.

Not long after they were joined by Jack Odell, a friend of Rodney Smith.

As the story goes, Mr. Odell created Lesney's first toy, a small brass road roller, in 1952 as a gift for his young daughter, who quickly became the envy

of her schoolmates. In 1953, when Queen Elizabeth II took the throne, Lesney released a miniature version of her coronation coach. More than a million were sold.

The company's earliest miniature vehicles, the first to bear the Matchbox name, were marketed that year. Workaday affairs, they included a dump truck, a cement mixer and a road roller. An immediate success in Britain, the toys were introduced in the United States shortly afterward.

Lesney released its first miniature cars in the mid-1950's, starting with an MG Midget TD, which was followed by a Vauxhall Cresta and a Ford Zodiac.

To make the cars, Lesney designers regularly visited automakers, vintage-car museums and private collectors, photographing old and new models from every angle, taking exhaustive measurements, even obtaining blueprints. The result, scale models that were generally one-sixty-fourth the size of the real thing, were palm-size automotive microcosms, with wheels that turned and, in later years, doors, hoods and trunks that opened.

In 1956, Lesney introduced its Models of Yesteryear line, based on turn-of-the-

century vehicles. In 1969, facing competition from Mattel's Ho Wheels cars, the company introduced its Superfast line of toy autos.

In 1982, Lesney, then in bankruptcy, was sold to Universal Toys, which was later acquired by Tyco Toys. Tyco merged with Mattel in 1997.

Mr. Smith's wife, the former Nancy Jackson-Moore, died in 1969. Besides his son Andrew, of Hertfordshire, he is survived by another son, John, of Dorset; a daughter, Karen Brouard, of Kent; a sister, Mollie Rissbrook of Enfield; and nine grandchildren.

MINI gossip.

Mini Drive Day

I was lucky enough to get an early birthday present this year - a day at Pukekohe raceway driving a BMW Mini. Having spent a day working for Dave Handiside cleaning (and moving) these Minis, I was real keen to try them out and see how much better they would go than my Clubman.



MINI gossip.

The day began with each of the fifteen drivers being issued with a pair of racing overalls, racing boots and a helmet. All of the drivers were then briefed on the specifications of the Minis, how to drive the track, how to approach corners and what we would be doing over the course of the day. Each driver then chose a mini and climbed in. All of the minis are left hand drive, have a full roll cage, racing seats and a five point harness.



The track was divided into three sections, consisting of a slalom on the back straight, driving the hairpin and lastly, emergency stopping with ABS braking. All of the drivers were briefed again and some drivers were warned about speeding between sections. We were then split into two groups to practise driving lines through the esses and through the hairpin. The hairpin was not easy at speed and I soon found myself on the grass.



MINI gossip.



After lunch, we had a briefing on how to run a more complex slalom course on the front straight and then returned to the cars. My time for the slalom was a slow thirty six seconds for the heat and then thirty one seconds for our second attempt. The winning time for this slalom run was twenty eight and a half seconds. At the end of this event we did a follow -the -leader event around the track behind the instructor who was in a Mini Cooper S. This got progressively faster with speeds on the back straight going to a hundred and sixty five kilometers an hour. Following this, we did individual laps around the circuit where you were allowed to pass on the straights.

This brought the driving to an end and all of the drivers were then treated to some fast laps in two Mini Cooper S's driven by the instructors. During these laps we were getting lap times of less than 1.15 and on the back straight getting speeds of just under two hundred kilometers per hour. The day concluded with a de-brief from Murray Taylor - and a slow drive back to Auckland.

This was a great day and I would recommend it to anyone as a fun day out.

MINI gossip.

Translated from Dutch article on below weblink;

<http://autowereld.com/spy-shots.asp?artikel=2597&pa=&fr=1>

These are the very first spyshots of the MINI Estate. This new variant on the MINI-theme will for its cost have to account for approximately half of sales.

That BMW is doing well with the new MINI goes without saying. But in order to continue to grow further, BMW is coming with new variants. A pickup and station-wagony variant have been speculated about for a long time now. Now, the first spyshots of the latter have been taken. The MINI Estate was captured during test procedures. There is little to see, but it is confirmation that the Estate really will come.

New dashboard.

The Estate will directly accommodate the new dashboard that the MINI will receive. There is a facelift in the works for the MINI and MINI Cabriolet in which the new dashboard will make its debut. The materials used will be solidly upgraded and there is an expanded in-car entertainment system available.

Estate lives again!

This is not the first time that Mini has come out with a stationwagon. There was also an Estate model available on the old Mini. Several body structure enhancements are above all responsible for building the regular MINI into a 3-door stationwagon. In reality the new model will have to wait until 2007, but will eventually also be available as a 5-door stationwagon. Surprising is the development of the doors which can be opened in the opposite direction.

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Mini Events

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER- Garage bash. Meet at the Northern Sports Car clubrooms at 10.00am. Follow the leader run visiting various club members garages to see projects that are on the way. Bring your own lunch, bbq at the conclusion, mid to late afternoon.

TUESDAY 4 OCTOBER- Clubnight at the Northern Sports Car Clubrooms from 7.30pm. It's time to clean out the shed, we will have a swap meet, remember, one mans rubbish is another's treasure.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 8-9 OCTOBER- V8 Supercars at Bathurst.

LABOUR WEEKEND 22/23/24 OCTOBER 2005- Mini Nationals, Christchurch. Entry forms are now available and have been printed elsewhere in the magazine for you. It sounds like a great weekend is planned with a show and shine, a navigational trial and speed events.

23-29 OCTOBER- Dunlop Targa, Sunday 23, Twilight stage at Papakura, Monday 24, Prologue near Waiuku and at Pukekohe Park combining with Living Legends race meeting. Jim Richards, Robbie Francevic and Steve Millan are confirmed. Tuesday to New Plymouth, Wednesday to Palmerston North, Thursday to Palmerston North, Friday to Hastings and Saturday to Hastings. 770km of closed road racing and 1500km touring.

TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER- Clubnight at the Northern Sports Car Club from 7.30pm. Takanini Powdercoaters will be giving us a talk.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 5-6 NOVEMBER- The Waiau Pa District is having a garden ramble to raise funds for the local kindy. We have been asked to open our olive grove and also put on a display of minis. If anyone is interested in showing their car, please call Gary or Catherine on (09) 2321233.

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER- Fish and Chip run. Meet at Auckland Regional Botanic Gardens, Hill Road Manurewa at 10.45am for a follow the leader run to Kaiaua for fish and chips for lunch. We will then have a follow the leader run back to Papakura.

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER- Concorso Euro car show to be held at Lotus Cars, 167 Kitchener Road, Waiuku. This is a charity event organised by Lotus Cars and New Zealand Classic Car magazine. Proceeds to Starship. Our club will have a display at this event. Sorry, cars to be displayed are invitation only due to space available. Feel free to come and support the event and the Starship. We have been asked to help on the gate and in the public carpark, if you are available, please call Gary on (09) 2321233

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SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER- Concorso Euro fun run organised by Lotus Cars and New Zealand Classic Car magazine. Proceeds to Starship. The run starts at Lotus Cars, 167 Kitchener Road Waiuku at 10.30am and uses roads on the Awhitu Peninsula, finishing at Patamahoe for lunch at Wrights Water Gardens.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 3-4 DECEMBER- Race meeting at Pukekohe including Mini 7

TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER- Christmas clubnight at the Northern Sportscar clubrooms from 7.30pm. We will have a BBQ, please bring a plate with salad or desert.

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER- Economy run. Meet at BP Service Centre at 11.30am for lunch. We will then fill up the cars with petrol, and depart at 12.30pm on a navigational trial with the aim to use as little fuel as possible. Please bring a \$2 Christmas Present per person in your car as your entry.

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY- Dawnbreaker run, fun navigational trial starting at Motu Moana, Connought Road, Green Bay at 6.30am. We will finish for breakfast.

SATURDAY SUNDAY 21-22 JANUARY- Kumeu Classic and Hot Rod show.

SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY- Galaxy of Cars at MOTAT and Mini Car Club of Auckland show and shine.

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY- Clubnight at Northern Sportscar Clubrooms.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY 11-12 FEBRUARY- Ellerslie Concourse.

SUNDAY 5 MARCH- Race meeting at Pukekohe including Mini 7

TUESDAY 7 MARCH- Clubnight at Northern Sportscar Clubrooms

SUNDAY 19 MARCH- 4th biannual Karaka Vintage Rally. A display of vintage machinery, cars and tractors. We will put a club display on, more details to follow.

TUESDAY 4 APRIL- Clubnight at Northern Sportscar Clubrooms

TUESDAY 2 MAY- Clubnight at Northern Sportscar Clubrooms

SATURDAY 13 MAY- Mini Fun Day at Taupo

LABOUR WEEKEND 2006- Mini Nationals Auckland.



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