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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Plans are now being formed for a Southern California Mini Meet to be held this summer (the date has not yet been confirmed). We hope this will involve our club, the San Diego club, and anybody in between -- so alert every Mini owner you know, and watch this space! (By the way, a huge Mini Meet was just held in Ohio, involving Mini enthusiasts from all over the East.)

The Braille Rally will be held July 25 this year. This large rally is special in that each driver is assigned a navigator who is blind or partially sighted, and the directions are in Braille or large type. If I remember correctly, the entry fee is about \$15; this includes a noon meal, a dinner at the awards banquet, and a dash plaque. Those who have run in past years say it is great fun; and if we can get enough Minis entered, we can have our own class.

Our next meeting will be held Monday, May 17, at 8:00 PM, at the Glendale Federal Savings Building, 401 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. (Park in the garage behind the building, on the middle level.)

MINIS IN SOUTH AMERICA

There must be some, because we have received a letter from the Mini-Cooper Club of Colombia. The club has headquarters in Bogotá, has 25 members and holds meetings every week!

They need a variety of parts and information, and specifically they want some chrome rims. So if you know of a good source of parts by mail, and specially a source for chrome rims, let us know so that we can convey the information.

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1967 Mini Cooper S Mark II -- less engine, trans., diff., windshield, shocks; many new parts, 80% restored; unassembled. \$1500/best offer. Michael Pennington, 1307 Spruce St., South Pasadena, CA 91030, phone (213) 257-6294.

Jim Houston has a large assortment of miscellaneous parts and a thorough knowledge of Minis. If you need something, contact him at 530 N. Maryland #4, Glendale, CA 91206, phone (213) 247-7859.

Well --- that's about it --- a short issue this month. As I have said before, we will be glad to print any articles, tips, etc., which you would care to contribute.

By the way, I wrote the ad for Jim Houston, so don't draw the conclusion that he is flattering himself; the observation on his Mini knowledge is mine, not his.

See you at the meeting.

Dean Leeds



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MINI MEET

On Sunday, June 13, the Los Angeles Mini Owners will meet with the California Cooper Club of San Diego for a day of Mini-oriented fun. The San Diego club will arrange a tour, or perhaps a rally; or, if you prefer, you can spend the afternoon at one of the fine beaches in the area. This is an informal event, open to all Mini enthusiasts (so tell your fellow Miniacs about it). You should bring your own picnic lunch, or be prepared to make other arrangements for lunch.

The caravan from Los Angeles will depart from the Glendale Federal Savings in Glendale (where we hold our meetings) at 8:30 AM sharp. Please be there on time, as we have promised to be in San Diego at 11:00 AM. In San Diego we will meet at the information center of the Hilton Hotel on Sea World Drive (the hotel is visible from the Interstate 5; take the Tecolote Road/Sea World Drive exit). The trip takes about 2½ hours at 55 mph or so, and is not uncomfortably long; I have made it many times.

This looks like a very pleasant outing (and, by the way, the CCC people have some sharp Minis); so don't miss it.

By the way, I have heard rumors -- nothing definite -- of a Mini Meet West in Seattle on Labor Day. Any further details will be reported here.

OTHER EVENTS

The Braille Rally will be held July 17, 1976 (not July 25 as reported last month). The entry fee is \$15.00, which includes lunch, banquet dinner, and a patch. Entry blanks may be obtained from the California Sports Car Club, 3493 Cahuenga West, Room 1, Hollywood CA 90068; or from me or another officer at the next meeting ... which will be held Monday, June 21, 8:00 PM, at the Glendale Federal Savings Building, 401 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale. (Park in the middle level of the garage behind the building.)

FOR SALE -- 1275 "S" head with valves, stock. Jim Houston, (213) 247-7859.

NOSTALGIA DEP'T.

With this issue we begin what I hope will be an irregular series of reprints of noteworthy articles from back issues of the late lamented MiniNews. If you have any favorite pieces which you would like to see again, or if you have back issues to contribute, let me know. (Warning: Xerox copies of photographs do not always turn out too well.)

The selection this month is from the Oct. 1973 issue, ^{for} which it in turn was reprinted from Autocar of Oct. 1971. It concerns a 124 bhp sleeper in the form of a ... well, read the article.

(Notes: Meccano is the British equivalent of Erector Set; fuel is measured by the Imperial gallon, which is 6/5 of a US gallon; and MIRA is the Motor Industry Research Association, which operates a test track.)

Dean Deeds