

MiniNews

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Sorry! I've gone through the July, 1970, issue but just can't come up with an attention getting headline like the one last month. So rather than compromise my standards, let's try one that's more current:

Club day at Bothwell's Ranch was "Hot" Success!

Someday those of you who miss this event each time we go will get curious-- then you'll be begging us to do it again! Lindley is such a delightful host; he just opens the gate and put's out the Welcome mat. His car collection is such a pleasure to behold!

For a bit of reminiscing: The National Club had just "discovered" three new clubs in the US.; the club had sponsored a slalom/autocross (SCCSCC sanctioned) and had raised \$50 for the American Cancer Society; the newsletter was filled with some new tuning tips. That was 10 years ago this month.

Last year at this time: The club was preoccupied with preparations for Mini Meet West. . . . Now that I have mentioned Mini Meet West--are YOU ready for Mini Meet West '80 in San Francisco? As of this moment, we have not yet received registration materials, but we will continue to watch the mail and hope to have them at the July meeting - and hopefully will be able to print one in the August newsletter. Some of us have discussed getting together to caravan up on Friday, August 29th. More on this at the July and August meetings and in next month's newsletter. For those of you who are new to the club and it's activities, Mini Meet West is: Minis, Friends, Fun. Those of us who have participated in the past have always come back for more. So plan now to have your car ready. The club's leaders have made no club activity plans for August so that everyone will have sufficient time to get themselves and their cars in shape.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS WERE DUE JULY 1st. RETURN YOUR MEMBER INFORMATION SHEET and send money ASAP!

Hello There!

It's me again, you're "Wild-eyed President" for the second month in a row! Wow, I'm getting better! Oh well, enough of this back-patting.

Our club event for the month of June was our invasion of the Bothwell Ranch and even though some of us got there early and some of us got there late, we still corssed paths long enough to have a good time although it was Hot as Hell! I never did get an accurate car count because the cars were so scattered but I think I counted 7 at the time we left. Thanks for coming.

June Car of the Month was George Captanis' newly crashed Mini; the raffle was a tune-up kit won by Don Gray; Tony Swisler and Gary Scott both won a pair of Pantera Club Concours d'Elegance tickets donated by Bob Turney. And Chucko Martin won the door prize--a fuse box and a pair of wheel box kits donated by Jay Weinstein.

There's been a change in our July event. We're still having a (seat of the pants) rally, but not to Palos Verdes. Where? Now that would spoil the fun! Suffice it to say, it's out "Second (Almost) Annual Rallye Ho!" It will still be on Sunday, July 20th. We'll meet again at our favorite West Los Angeles gathering place, the Federal Building parking lot on Sepulveda just South of Wilshire Blvd. First car out at 1:00 pm, so be there by 12 noon for drivers' meeting and other preliminary essentials and socializing. Bring rally watches (no rallye computers, please), food to barbecue, hiking shoes and bathing suits! The club will provide charcoal and firewood.

Quick PS: Who knows how many more weeks until Mini Meet West '80 - San Francisco? Please tell me at the next meeting.

Bill

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GENERAL MEETINGS

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Qno's Pub
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MUMBLINGS FROM MARCY

Since I seem to be doing a lot of editorializing this month, it seemed only fitting to revive a column heading I once used.

In glancing through the June and July issues from last year, I ran across an "appeal" that I made which I would like to repeat just in case some of you could use a reminder. As many of you are aware, I had just been made aware of how precious human blood is. Blood donors are needed daily to save lives. Most of us can easily give blood on a regular basis. Next time you are driving by your local Red Cross center, regional hospital or Red Cross Bloodmobile, stop and go in; it only takes a few minutes. You'll feel good afterwards.

Now, from the Mailbox: Nice feedback from someone who saw our MMW '79 dash plaque - "It was the best dash plaque I have ever seen. Please tell whoever was responsible for it that I was very impressed." (If anyone sees or talks with Rocky Fankhouser, please pass along this compliment to the artist.) For those who have been around for some time, once frequent contributor to MiniNews Lee Middleton is now editing in entertaining fashion for Minisms in New Jersey. SAMOA now boasts 67 members and, judging by what we see in their newsletter, they are quite active in local racing activities. Hope we meet some of them at MMW '80. Mini Meet East reports all tell of good attendance, wet weather, impromptu Kimes Hillclimb (on slippery grass), plans for Mini Meet VII in Montreal, and a Sunday, May 18, feature on Mini Meet in Troy's Sunday Times!

Club Condolences to the family of Frank Scott, long-time MOA-LA member who passed away in May. His son, Gregory Scott, has taken over his "immaculate Mini Cooper S".

Club Condolences also go out to Paul Thornton in the loss of his dear Ginny.

ATTENTION: David Vizard has relocated. New address for Mini Tech News is: 43 Selborne Road, Bishop's Cleeve, Nr. Cheltenham, Glos. GL52 4BT, England. If you haven't yet subscribed, you're missing an excellent publication for all Mini owners. Just \$12 per year!

How do we join the Alec Issigonis Fan Club?



*Anyone in MC
have the answer?*

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Mint condition

What It Means

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Pile of junk which may have once been a car
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MINI LORE

New cereal by Kellogs called "Kellogs Mini Wheats" has a commercial that goes like so:

"I'm bored of the same old cereal every morning Jackie!"

"Don't despair, Nikki, try these new 'Kellogs Mini Wheats'; shaped like an Austin Mini, artificially flavoured to taste like leaking brake fluid (memories); and smells of burnt engine."

"These are fun to eat, Jackie!"

"Sure, Nikki, and they'll make you feel just as unpredictable as the Mini is. You never know what will happen after you eat a bowl of these."

"Hey look! A Cooper S!!"

"That's right Nikki, there's Cooper S' and Woodies in there too."

"Whoa, somethings going on Jackie, I don't feel so good."

"What? You what? Oh, you idiot! You have to use skim milk, not homogenized. The Mini Wheat just won't work if you use homo!"

"Thank's for telling me."

"It's written right here on the side panel: use only un-creamed milk."

"I'm sure I'll get it right tomorrow."

"With Kellog Mini Wheats, Nikki, you'll always get it right tomorrow."

"Yeah right, Jackie. Because today is a writeoff, and tomorrow never comes."

"Can it, Nikki, I'm not finished yet. They come in regular 998 gram wheats, or in super speedy 1275 gram sizes. Those 1275's really give you a lot of get-up-n-go!"

"Are they better than Dexedrine?"

"Sure are Nikki!"

"Pass me a few of those, will you Jackie."

"You really only need one, Nikki."

"Tasty."

"Sure are Nikki!"

"Umm....can I have a few boxes for the garage Jackie?"

"Sure are Nikki!"

"What the ? Will you quit eating those and get on the commercial."

"Sure are Nik-----"

'KAPOW' 'SLAM' 'BLIFF' 'THUD' 'CRASH' 'FAZOOM' 'ZING'

"So, remember, folks, uh, Kellogs Mini Wheats; for all the daily nutrients you'll ever need!"



TECH NOTES by BILL GILCREASE

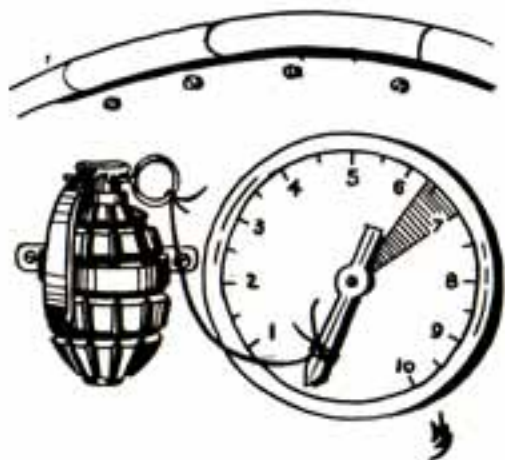
For those of you getting your Mini's body work straight and painted, here's some professional tips:

When you choose who you want to do the work for you, ask them how they will prepare the car for paint. If they say, "and lastly I wet sand the primer", hop into your car and go someplace else. Wet sanding primer is a good way to cause nothing but trouble with your new paint job after a short period of time.

Now, I'll get technical with you. You see, the base for primer is talc, as in talcum powder, which is very absorbent. Which is just what the primer will do, absorb water clear down to the bare metal and will cause the entire car to start rusting from the inside out. If the car is wet sanded then painted, in a short time tiny blisters will start to appear over the entire car. The cure: strip to bare metal and start over. Also, don't let them tell you that "lacquer primer won't do that", or, "enamel primer won't do that", because they both will.

The proper, although long, way to get a good finish is to dry sand with 320 grit and then on a Mini spray about 1-1/2 to 2 quarts of your color coat, let dry and wet sand with 500 grit. Dry off all water and apply the final color coats and your car will be ready for years of beauty.

(The above grits are for lacquer topcoats. Enamels use 320 to 400 grit sandpaper)



1980 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY	10	MOA-LA Board of Directors' Meeting - Jeff's Place
	16	MOA-LA General Meeting - Qno's Pub - 8 pm
	20	MOA-LA Second (Almost) Annual Rallye Ho! - 12 Noon
AUGUST	14	MOA-LA Board of Directors' Meeting
	20	MOA-LA General Meeting - Qno's Pub - 8 pm
	30	Mini Meet West '80 Opens - San Francisco

Please note no activity for August to allow preparation time for Mini Meet West '80. We're looking for a large group to go to San Francisco from LA.

Ken Reid tells us that May Co was recently advertising B F Goodrich GT200 145/10 tires on sale at \$31 each. Surprising new source for Mini tyres!

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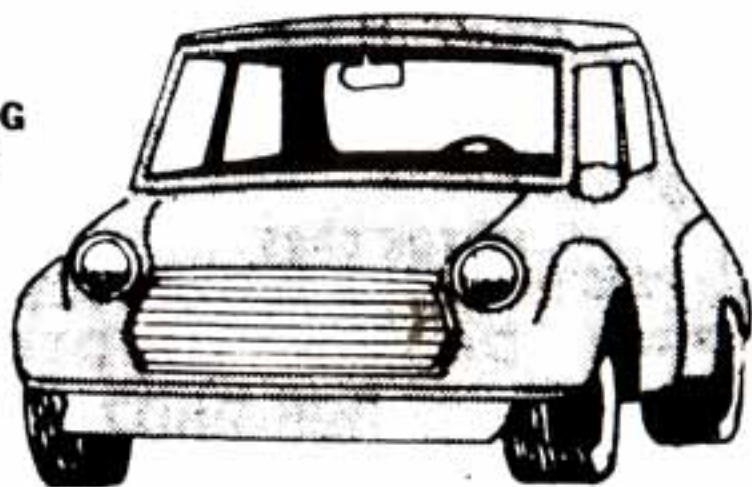
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That's the date when membership renewals were due.

Member information forms (aka Applications for Membership) have been sent out to all members. Please complete the form to make sure we have current information about you and your car(s) and send it along with your \$20 check or bring it to the July meeting. We have a lot of new friends in the club recently. Some new and exciting ideas are beginning to appear. I feel that I am seeing a resurgence of popularity for the Mini and new life for the feelings of comradeship which we enjoy so much.

Something new for the club this year will be a Member of the Year award. Details regarding qualification have not yet been worked out, but keep in mind that membership and participation are essential. Point values for officer, newsletter contributor, event master, participant, etc. will be published next month.

Also coming next month--A Paul Wexler Memorial Award will be given to one of our LA club members in connection with Mini Meet West '80.

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